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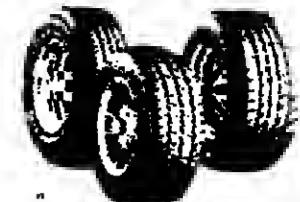
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Arab diplomat shot

ATHENS, Dec 21. (Reuters): A gunman shot and wounded a senior Arab League diplomat in Athens today, prompting the League to ask the Greek government to step up security measures for Arab diplomats.

Midhat Nouri Al Hiyali, an Iraqi who is Charge d'Affaires of the Arab League mission in Athens, was driving to work from his suburban home when the gunman fired seven shots at him.

Al Hiyali, 46, told doctors who treated him for a shoulder wound that a tall dark young man wearing a white shirt had fired the shots from a sidewalk.

Distance

"I saw him pulling a gun out of his right pocket. I tried to put the car into reverse, but I didn't manage to do so and he shot me from a distance of about 10 metres."

Al Hiyali managed to drive to hospital where he underwent an operation and emerged smiling.

Police were searching for the gunman who got away in a car with two other men.

The Arab League said it strongly condemned the attack on Al Hiyali.

"The Council of the Arab League expresses its concern that there will be any repeat of such attempts and asks the necessary security measures for the protection of Arab diplomats," the statement said.

55 missing as freighter sinks

JAKARTA, Dec 21. (AP): A freighter sank in a storm in the Java Sea, and all 55 people aboard were missing, the official Antara news agency reported today.

Antara said the 490-ton Binter was carrying 15 crew members and 40 passengers when it sank yesterday near Bawean Island in the Java Sea.

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WEATHER

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Low water: 7:00 am, 10:30 pm

Sunrise: 6:38 am

Sunset: 4:54 pm

Maximum temperature recorded:

Kuwait: 23°C 73°F

Almadi: 22°C 72°F

Falakia: 22°C 72°F

Maximum temperature expected:

Kuwait: 24°C 75°F

Almadi: 23°C 73°F

Maximum humidity recorded:

Kuwait: 90 per cent

Almadi: 90 per cent

Falakia: 90 per cent

Minimum temperature recorded:

Kuwait: 7°C 45°F

Almadi: 11°C 52°F

Falakia: 10°C 50°F

Shark infested water teeming with bodies

More than 1,500 feared dead in Philippine ferry disaster

MANILA, Dec 21, (Reuters): A Philippine ferry packed with Christmas travellers sank in flames late yesterday with the apparent loss of more than 1,500 lives in the biggest peacetime shipping disaster.

Fifteen crew were listed on the ferry and 13 on the tanker.

Lieutenant Robert Nohle-franca, commander of the Coastguard station in the Leyte island port of Tacloban, said the Dona Paz was packed when it left the port on its tragic voyage at 5:30 am yesterday.

Nearly a day later rescue ships reported finding no trace of either vessel or any more survivors in an operation disrupted by bad weather.

Sinking

The Philippine disaster could replace the sinking of the liner Titanic as the greatest maritime disaster in years of peace.

More than 1,500 people drowned or died of exposure in 1912 when the Titanic hit an iceberg on its maiden voyage.

But while the Titanic carried the wealthy cream of Anglo-American society, the Dona Paz was crammed with the ordinary people of the impoverished Philippines where sea links are a major form of transport between islands.

President Corazon Aquino was informed of the disaster and was awaiting investigation results, her spokesman said.

"She was saddened and shocked. Any disaster of that sort saddens her especially with the approaching Christmas," Teodoro Benigno said.

Philippine authorities acknowledged confusion about just how many were on board the Dona Paz and said survivors reports that more than 3,000 persons may have packed the ship could not be confirmed or denied.

Tragedy

Survivors said they feared whole families had been lost in the tragedy, about 110 miles southeast of Manila, and radio reports, quoting unnamed officials, said several people had been eaten by sharks.

The Coastguard said all but 26 survivors were missing from an official count of 1,556 passengers and crew on the two vessels, which sank in waters with an average depth of 530 metres (1,770 feet).

As a rescue search ended with darkness, the Coastguard said it hoped some survivors could have been washed ashore in the many areas where there are no communications.

But a spokesman said the dawn could bring a grisly sight.

"Bodies will normally sink, and then they will float back up. In 24 hours they could float or be washed ashore," he said.

Waiting

"We can't really say, we're waiting for more reports," spokesman Lieutenant-Commander Renzo Luspo said.

Searching aircraft sweeping the seas between Mindoro and Marinduque islands reported no sign of survivors 16 hours after the disaster.

Shipping officials said they had at least 10 vessels in the area and had widened the search zone after failing to find wreckage, an oil slick or any other trace of the two vessels sinking.

Reuter correspondent

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Survivors of the collision between ferry and an oil tanker are ushered into a Manila hospital after undergoing emergency treatment for burns. (Reuters radiophoto)

GCC foreign ministers meeting opens

UN urged to protect Gulf shipping

KUWAIT yesterday urged the United Nations to provide protection for Gulf shipping against Iran.

Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal stressed the need for a "maximum degree of alertness" as he chaired the preparatory meeting for the annual summit of the GCC.

King Fahd will be chairing the summit opening here on Saturday with the participation of the rulers of Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and the UAE.

Under the GCC umbrella, the six countries are pledged to collective security measures against any menace to a member state, and to work gradually for economic unity.

"We are meeting in light of very critical international circumstances and our region is passing through one of its critical and dangerous phases," the Saudi Prince said.

"This calls for a maximum

degree of alertness and clarity of vision so that we can properly evaluate matters."

The Saudi minister referred to "suspicious plots being hatched against our region to divert us from achieving our desired objectives of security, stability and prosperity." He did not elaborate.

The conference, which is expected to last for three days, then turned into a closed-door meeting.

The war between Iraq and Iran will top the agenda of the conference.

The hostilities have escalated over the past year with the increasing numbers of attacks by Iran on neutral shipping in the sealanes of the oil-rich region in retaliation for Iraqi attacks on Iranian oil shipping routes.

"We are part and parcel of the Palestinian people. And at the same time we are citizens of the state of Israel, and as such we raise our voice against the continued occupation."

Police said they sent more than 2,000 policemen into the Jerusalem area and into northern Israel, home to 65 per cent of all Israeli Arabs.

Security forces used teargas to quell riots in Arab East Jerusalem where officials said the worst riots in 20 years of Israeli rule took place over the weekend.

Most Arab shops closed throughout Israel, and security

One-minute work stoppage observed

KUWAIT yesterday observed a one-minute work stoppage — during which all businesses and traffic were halted — in solidarity with Palestinians subjected to Israeli occupation on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, a Kuwaiti official said.

Traffic also came to a standstill to protest "the brutal Israeli practices" in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, the Kuwait News Agency said.

The stoppage at 12:00 noon (9:00 GMT) was in response to a government order expressing "Kuwait's solidarity with the heroic uprising of the Arab Palestinian people against the ugly Israeli occupation," Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs, Rashed Al Rashed told a weekly cabinet session.

Clashes

The protest is in response to the violent clashes between Israeli troops and Palestinian demonstrators in the occupied territories.

Rashed called on the world community and UN Security Council to "shoulder their responsibility" in halting the bloodshed.

The minute of silence at noon, called by the Arab League at an emergency meeting in Tunis on Dec 15, coincided with a general strike by Palestinians in Israel

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16 perish in plane crash

BORDEAUX, France, Dec 21, (UPI): An Air France flight from Brussels crashed and burned today near a children's care centre outside Bordeaux, killing all 16 people aboard, airline and police officials said.

An Air France spokeswoman said the tower at Mérignac airport, Bordeaux, lost contact with Air France flight 1919, carrying 13 passengers and a crew of three, shortly before it was to land.

The police official said the aircraft burst into flames upon impact, setting the wooded area around the crash site on fire.

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INTERNATIONAL

Opposition keeps up pressure with strike call

Ershad pledges clean polls

DHAKA, Dec 21. (Agencies): Protesters rallied outside local government offices and marched in torchlight processions, continuing an opposition campaign to oust President Hossain Mohammad Ershad, who has renewed a pledge to ensure honest balloting in future elections.

Ershad, under opposition pressure to dissolve his cabinet, held another meeting of his top aides to review the worst political crisis since he seized power in a bloodless coup March 1982.

The opposition and a group of Supreme Court lawyers and two former Supreme Court judges said in statements the cabinet has been illegal since Ershad dissolved Parliament and said all measures taken by the cabinet are illegal.

A torchlight anti-government march in Dhaka was broken up today by police using tear gas, witnesses said.

Ershad called dissident politicians "terrorists" as Bangladeshis braced for the latest opposition-called general strike.

Painting of Mother Teresa gets top price

BOMBAY, Dec 21. (AP): A painting of Mother Teresa, the Nobel peace prize winner who gives shelter to the poor and homeless, brought the top price last night at the first auction ever conducted in India by London's venerable Christie's firm.

More than 500 members of Bombay's high society turned out for a gala evening at the Taj Mahal Hotel as 34 pieces of contemporary Indian art fetched a total of 1.924 million rupees (about \$148,000).

While prices were far below international records, art critics said the Christie's auctioneers coaxed more rupees out of bidders than the paintings would have fetched at commercial galleries.

"Mother Teresa," by India's leading contemporary painter Maqbool Fida Husain, was sold for 500,000 rupees (\$38,462) to Minoor Modi, a director of India's giant Tata industrial group.

Bidding started at 200,000 rupees (\$15,385) for the painting on canvas of the nun who lives in Calcutta and won the 1979 peace prize.

The second-highest price was 200,000 rupees for "Sourya" (sun in Hindi). The acrylic painting, showing a large black circle surrounded by a border of geometric shapes, was the work of S.H. Raza.

Most of the money raised at the hour-long auction will go to help Age India, a nationwide voluntary organization dedicated to helping the elderly.

tomorrow and Wednesday, which economists warned could further damage the country's already fragile economy.

"The election commission will announce the date for fresh polls soon and let me assure all once again that it's going to be a free and fair vote," he told a meeting of rural officials on Sunday.

"But I will do nothing beyond the purview of the constitution," he said in reference to opposition demands that he first resign and hand over power to caretaker government before an election is held.

The opposition says Ershad rigged parliamentary and presidential polls in 1986 and that future elections under him will be the same.

Ershad yesterday repeated charges that Sheikh Hasina and Begum Khaleda Zia, the two opposition leaders "have taken recourse to terrorism and anarchy to pursue their political goals."

"Let the two leaders say it publicly that there would be no more hurling of bombs, attacks

of officegoers and vehicles, and looting of shops — and then call a batal (strike).

"In that case, even one per cent of Bangladeshis will not respond to their call," Ershad said.

"I am not going to compromise (on the issue of resignation). Let the opposition parties come to elections and test their popularity," he said.

The US embassy said yesterday that Ershad and his political opponents should open talks in an effort to end the unrest.

Negotiations

US Ambassador Willard de Pree has met separately with Ershad and Hasina and Begum Zia, but details of their talks were not divulged.

However, a US embassy official said de Pree made it known to both Ershad and the two leaders that the United States favoured a negotiated settlement of the crisis. The official spoke on condition of anonymity.

Hasina told a Dhaka rally on Wednesday that "some foreign

powers are trying to find a political solution to keep Ershad in power." She named no country, but spoke shortly after meeting de Pree.

But, Ershad told a meeting of Bangladeshi journalists today: "If they don't take part in elections, that is their business."

He said it was not his responsibility to persuade the opposition to join the elections.

Ershad, however, hinted that he could arrange a non-party government to conduct polls if the elections were also held on a non-party basis.

"He wants to repeat his old performance," Hasina said. "He knows that this kind of election-made-to-order will produce the sort of result that he condescends to produce," she told a party rally today.

Again, Zia said Ershad would lose badly in any elections under a neutral system.

"He (Ershad) is scared of a free and honest election because his bluff will then be called," she told a meeting of her Bangladesh Nationalist Party.



● Beijing rock star Cui Jian (right) enjoys a riff with his saxophonist as he performs to excited fans in his first public concert for a year. (Rauter radiophoto)

UK seeking return of sold brides

LONDON, Dec 21. (Reuters): The British Foreign Office said it was trying to help the return to England of two women whose father is alleged to have sold them as brides in North Yemen five years ago.

Zana and Nadia Muhsen, now aged 20 and 22, were tricked by their Yemeni-born father into leaving the central English city of Birmingham and going on what they thought was a holiday to North Yemen, the Observer newspaper reported.

It said their father then sold the teenage sisters to Yemeni husbands for £1,300 (\$2,340).

The women who both have children now, were forced to work in the fields around the mountainous bandit territory of Mokbana right up until they gave birth, and immediately after, the paper said.

Powers

"Both of the women want to come home. But since they have dual nationality, Britain has very limited powers to help them while they are still in Yemen," a Foreign Office spokesman said.

He said the British Embassy in North Yemen had offered to give the women British passports, but they would be unable to leave unless Yemeni authorities gave them exit visas.

The Observer said villagers had told the women, described as withdrawn and unsociable, that they could not return to Birmingham because under tribal law they needed their husbands consent which would never be granted.

Conservative Member of Parliament Anthony Beaumont-Dark called for the women's father, Mathana Muhsen, to be deported from Britain. A Home Office spokesman said it was unlikely he could be deported.

Raikin dies

MOSCOW, Dec 21. (Reuters): Arkady Raikin, the Soviet Union's top comedian whose biting satire won him fame as the scourge of the country's bureaucrats, died at the weekend aged 76, a spokeswoman for his theatre said today.

They said the appeal for reinforcements was addressed to all the parties in the alliance, presently headed by Khalis.

The guerrilla sources said the Soviet and Afghan government forces towards the town in Paktia province, which borders Pakistan.

Reinforcement

On Saturday Moscow Television showed a film of the troops shelling what a Soviet reporter called rebel strongholds and arm-supply routes in a snow-capped mountain range in the Khost district.

The guerrilla sources said the

Soviet and Afghan government

troops, operating from the main

staging area of Gardez, had

occupied some strategic heights

midway between the provincial

capital of Gardez and Khost.

The Pakistan-based guerrilla

parties are preparing to send

reinforcements in response to the

request from Haqqani, who

belongs to the Hezb-e-Islami

party of Mohammad Younis

Khalis.

Hezb-e-Islami has played the

major role in blockading Khost

area during the nine-year-old

guerrilla war. But the guerrilla

sources said elements from other

six parties in the major guerrilla

alliance fighting the Soviet-backed

Afghan government were also fighting in the area.

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ments was addressed to all the

parties in the alliance, present-

ly headed by Khalis.

The offensive follows a warn-

ing by Afghan President Najib-

ullah at the end of November of

military operations if the rebels

failed to make peace.

It has to do with the quality

Ozal inducts new faces in cabinet

ANKARA, Dec 21. (Reuters):

Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal announced today a cabinet of both familiar and new faces to grapple with pressing economic and other domestic issues.

Major appointments included Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz, Defense Minister Ercan Vuralhan and state ministers Adnan Kahveci and Mehmet Yazar.

Ozal, who won a new five-year mandate last month, has made continued economic reform and Turkish entry to the European Economic Community (EEC) major goals of his new administration.

He enlarged the cabinet's size from 25 to 23, adding two state ministerial posts. The last was approved by President Kenan Eren.

Ozal kept Finance Minister Ahmet Kurtcebe Alptemoz and Deputy Prime Minister Kaya Erdem.

Apart from Kahveci and Vuralhan, other new faces include Health Minister Bulent Akarsali, Labour and Social Security Minister Imren Aykut

— the only woman in the cabinet — and Communications Minister Ekrem Pakdemirli.

Brother

Ozal also appointed younger brother Yusuf Ozal to the cabinet for the first time, as state minister.

The new cabinet indicates that Ozal plans no major policy shifts in his drive for full economic liberalisation, more democratic freedoms and full political stability.

He has given greater emphasis to Western-educated liberal members of the ruling Motherland Party, a loose grouping ranging from people with Islamic fundamentalist views to centrists.

Ozal welded the party to fight the 1983 election after three years of military rule following an Army coup that crushed extremist political violence.

Foreign Minister Yilmaz, 40, was Tourism Minister in the previous cabinet. An English and German speaker, he did post-graduate studies in Cologne.

Dame Peggy turns 80

LONDON, Dec 21. (AP): Dame Peggy Ashcroft, the veteran actress who won an Oscar three years ago for the movie *A Passage to India* was feted last night two days before her 80th birthday as one of Britain's most admired talents.

"I am nuts about Peggy. I love Peggy. Peggy can do no wrong, has never done any wrong, will do no wrong," Trevor Nunn, the Tony Award-winning director, said mid-way through "Her Infinite Variety," an evening of tributes that took its title from the description of Cleopatra in Shakespeare's *Antony and Cleopatra*.

"I think Peggy will be remembered as a great, great actress... at a time of great, great acting," said director Sir Peter Hall.

The three-hour programme at the Old Vic Theatre, devised by Royal Shakespeare Company actor Tony Church, concluded with two standing ovations, as Dame Peggy recited the epilogue to Shakespeare's *As You Like It*.

Before the Gala, Church said the actress represented "a wonderful combination of great style and natural dignity."

"It has to do with the quality

she has as a person as well as an actress," he said of the performer, who was born Dec 22, 1907, in the south London suburb of Croydon, the daughter of a real estate broker and an amateur actress.

The show featured excerpts from plays and speeches with which Dame Peggy has been associated, such as *The Taming of the Shrew* and *Antony and Cleopatra*.

Rachel Kempson, with whom Dame Peggy appeared most recently in the 15-hour mini-series *The Jewel in the Crown*, recited one of the actress's favourite poems, *The Ruined Maid*, by Thomas Hardy.

Explosion at Alexandria Army camp

ALEXANDRIA, Dec 21. (UPI):

An Army warehouse of chemicals exploded early today at this Mediterranean resort city, starting a huge blaze, sending flames into the air and forcing authorities to evacuate hundreds of people, police said.

But there were no reports of deaths or serious injuries.

Egypt's Middle East News Agency said the fumes were abetted by strong winds and quickly spread over several sections of western and central Alexandria.

Police forces sealed off the area after evacuating schools, factories and homes. Students at schools outside the district but near the site of the blast were also told to return home.

Several hours after the explosion, the agency said fire engines surrounded the site of the blast and were making great efforts to control the blaze and extinguish the fumes.

More than 1,500 feared dead in Philippine ferry disaster

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Rosario Liquicia, speaking by radio from a helicopter in the search area, said visibility was restricted by cloud and rain.

She said several small fishing boats and a cargo vessel were searching the sea but no sign of wreckage could be seen from the air.

One survivor said he saw the tanker heading directly for the ferry moments before the collision but the Coastguard said it had no details on how the collision occurred.

Stunned and weeping survivors, brought to a Manila hospital suffering mainly from burns, said that they believed the ship was carrying more than twice the official figure.

Crammed

They described one-man cots on the ship's deck as crammed with four people and said companionways had been packed with passengers and their luggage, including goats and other animals.

"No one could move around... people were just sitting on the floor," said Mabang Constance, 21, who was travelling with 11 other family members to spend Christmas in Manila.

Survivors said many women and children were feared to have died after refusing to jump from the burning ship into the water.

Mario Leanda, 25, said he had tried to drag his girlfriend with him as he leapt from the deck but her hand slipped from his grasp.

"I shouted and asked her to jump but she said she was afraid," he said.

Almario Balanay, a 44-year-old fisherman who had travelled previously on the ferry, said it was more crowded than he had ever seen it.

Paquito Obasel, 42, heading with his sister and three nieces for Christmas in Manila, said he jumped overboard after what sounded like an explosion.

"I looked out and I saw that another ship was on fire. In just two seconds there was a big fire on our ship and I heard everybody screaming and walking," he said.

"When I saw the big fire was engulfing the whole ship I jumped and dived into the water."

Survivors said they had been woken by an explosion, apparently as the two ships collided, and jumped overboard as the 20-year-old Dona Paz was engulfed by flames.

Burning oil spread across the water as they clung to pieces of wood

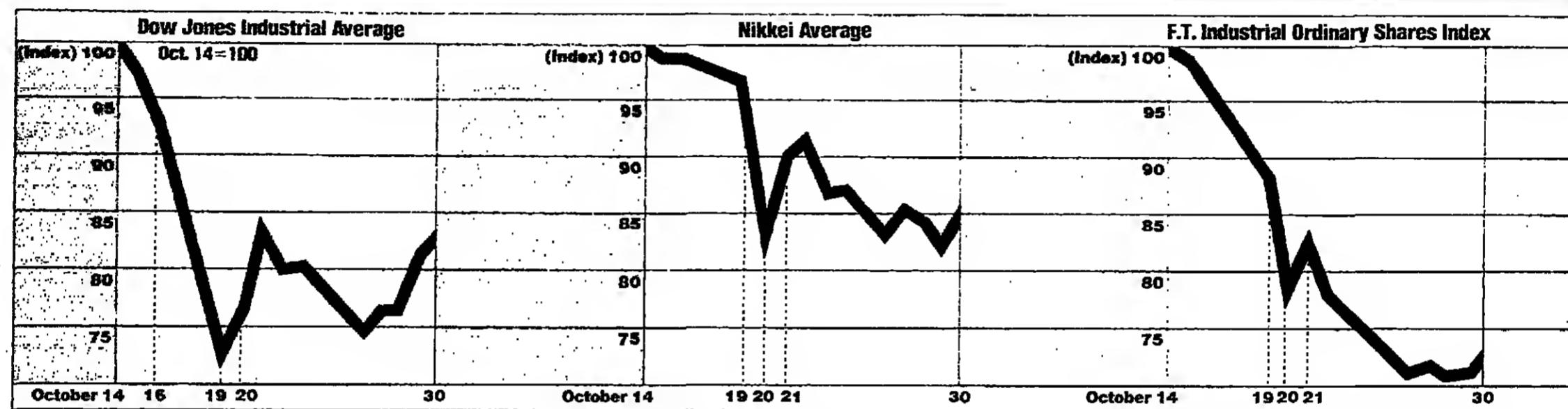
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WHAT HAPPENED AND WHY?

Investor Confidence and a Strong Economy

Stabilize the Tokyo Market

NEW YORK TOKYO LONDON



New York, London, Tokyo...

The world's three great stock markets are forging mutual links, making 24-hour global trading a financial reality. Events on October 19th show just how interrelated the three major international stock markets have become. Severe jolts were felt throughout the world's financial markets when investors, wary of the U.S.'s enormous trade and Treasury deficits and the weakening dollar, began a massive sell-off. On Black Monday, the New York Dow Jones industrial average declined a record 22.6% in one day. London recorded a similar decline, and the next day in Tokyo, overseas investors sold a staggering amount of stocks, driving the Nikkei Average down 14.9% and triggering the one day loss in price limit. During the week of the crash, the Dow Jones' and Financial Times' indexes fell below their year-high levels by 36.1% and 32.1% respectively. However, in the same period, the farthest the Nikkei Average fell below its 1987 high was a relatively low 17.8%. And by the week's end, the Nikkei Average had rebounded a strong 4.2%, making the Tokyo market's resilience the focus of attention among international investors.

Japanese Individuals Offset Massive Selling By Foreigners During The Crash

The key players in cushioning the fall on the Tokyo market were Japanese individual investors. During the month of October, net purchases by individual investors came to approximately ¥530 billion, roughly triple the previously

recorded high in September. Other Japanese investors who played a stabilizing role in the Tokyo market include financial institutions and corporations, accounting for ¥654.4 billion of net purchases, and investment trusts accounting for ¥90.6 billion. This purchasing trend partially offset the selling by overseas investors, which reached ¥1,998 billion in October.

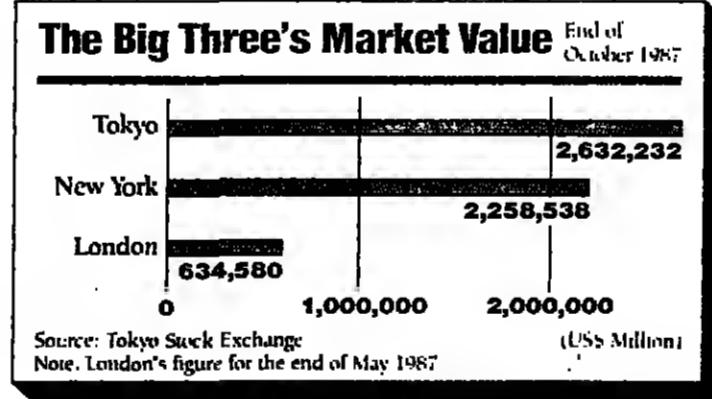
As for the week of the crash (October 19th ~ 24th), overseas investors sold ¥1,058 billion worth of stocks on the Tokyo market. Japanese financial institutions were net purchasers of only ¥81 billion, but individual investors supported the market by purchasing some ¥623 billion worth of stocks, and non-financial institutions were net buyers by ¥185 billion. This buying by Japanese individual investors and corporations counterbalanced the selling by foreign investors in Tokyo. Confidence remained high, and stability returned quickly.

Strong Economy and Solid Savings Structure

One reason for such strong support buying by Japanese investors is their faith in the fundamental strength of the Japanese economy. Japanese businesses, especially in the hi-tech industries, have overcome the oil shocks of the '70s and the yen appreciation of the '80s and have adapted to the new international business environment. According to the OECD, the combined effect of the fall in stock prices and the low dollar will only slightly affect 1988's real G.N.P., decreasing it by just 0.25%. In fact, the *Nihon Keizai Shimbun* predicts that for the fiscal year ending in March 1988, the average ordinary profit of all listed Japanese companies will increase by 29% over the previous year.

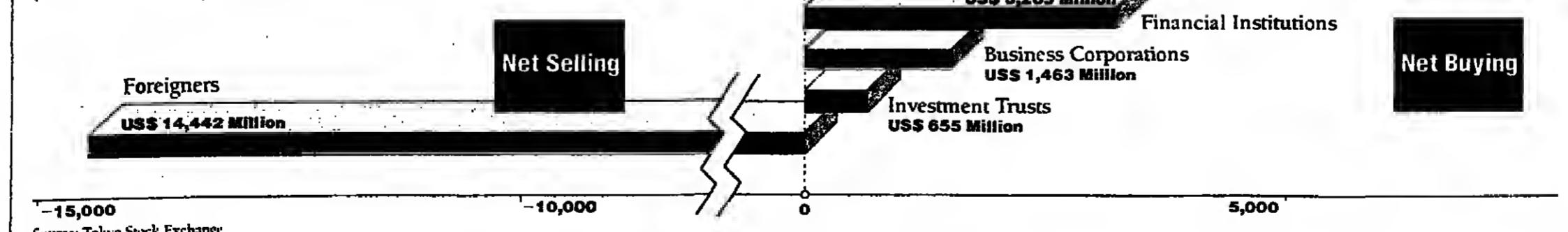
Another reason for investor support is the high rate of individual savings. In 1985, Japan's individual savings ratio reached 16.0%, demonstrating a strong propensity to save. In comparison, the West German rate was 11.4% while the U.S. rate was only 5.2%. Given the percentage of total savings invested in stocks, which is 8.5% lower than the U.S. rate of 22%, erosion of assets due to the crash was relatively slight, despite the strong growth in stock investments. Japanese financial institutions will also continue to use stock investments as part of their asset management programs.

The fundamental strength of Japan's economy has instilled confidence in both individual and institutional investors, which in turn has provided stability in otherwise volatile financial markets. Investor confidence and economic strength make Tokyo the safest market in volatile times.



Who Sold and Who Bought in the Tokyo Market?

Net Turnover in Value of Stocks by Type of Investors in October 1987
(1st & 2nd Sections of Tokyo Stock Exchange)



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Unmanageable classes, untrained teachers create problems

Number of private school students increases considerably

THE modern Indian education system and the pressure of excellency has put a strain on expatriate children, many of whom shoulder a burden too heavy to carry on their slender shoulders. Homework, stress and constant nagging parents are pushing children too hard. Compounding the problem are large unmanageable classes and untrained teachers mostly in lower grades.

The number of students in private schools in Kuwait has risen considerably over the last five years prompting efforts to further develop that sector, according to Dr Yacoub Al Sharrah, Assistant Undersecretary, private education department, at the Education Ministry.

The number of private school students has grown by 200 per cent during the last five years. Over 30 per cent of the total of 120,000 students study at the Indian and Pakistani schools. Some 8,000 attend the largest Indian school in Salmiya, which has four branches spread over Kuwait.

Doubled

The number of primary school student admissions doubled this year from 14,000 last year to 25,000.

Al Sharrah said the ministry is now studying the need for expansion and has not stopped issuing licences for new schools. He believes the private sector fulfils a vital need for educating expatriate children.

"It would be difficult to accommodate all the students at the private schools," he said.

Dr Al Sharrah, since he took over the private education department as its director, has enforced stringent control over the schools. Two schools, Al Sharrah did not name them, were closed down earlier this year after supervisors found poor teaching standards.

Standard

Indians, particularly those parents, who send their children to the Indian schools, complain about "inadequate teaching standard" mainly due to untrained teachers who cannot communicate with children.

J.A.S. Newton, director of the largest Indian school, admitting that some 40 per cent of the teachers are untrained quickly points out: "This does not mean they are not qualified to teach. Our teachers are graduates and postgraduates." High school teachers, though a few untrained, are qualified and as Newton points out they hold bachelors and masters

degrees. But in the primary schools there is a distinct shortage of trained teachers.

The ministry oversees the employment of all teachers at schools — in the primary, intermediate or high schools. Those who apply for a primary school post must have two years experience plus a high school certificate as minimum qualification. The experience clause may be overlooked if they are trained teachers. For intermediate and high school, teachers must be graduates and post-graduates in the subject they will teach. Teachers with experience are given preference. The ministry makes an exception only for music teachers, because there is a shortage in this category.

"But even they (music teachers) undergo a special training programme, designed by the ministry and only if they successfully complete the course, they are given permission to teach," Al Sharrah said.

Supervisors from the department of private education keep an eye on the schools. "Nothing goes undetected," insists Al Sharrah. Private schools have to get prior permission for everything — from holding extra classes to increasing the fees. Transport costs are approved by the ministry. It also encourages teachers to teach two shifts — morning and evening — teachers may get about KD300.

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Thought for today

WHILE we are postponing, life speeds by — Marcus Seneca, Roman scholar (about 54 B C-39 A D).

OPINION

True leaders of Palestinians

MOST Palestinian leaders who struggle only through microphones from outside Palestine will probably now try to claim that the popular uprising in the occupied territories was their idea and motivated by them.

But it must be remembered that this uprising and revolution is a revolution from within led only by the Palestinian flag. The young people who revolted did not raise the picture of anyone and did not salute or shout slogans of long life for anyone except Palestine and its flag. This is what disturbs and frightens Israel and at the same time pleases us and the Palestinian people.

Israel had become absorbed in its arrogance, which served us extremely well. We thank Mr Shamir and Mr Sharon for their feelings of hatred towards us, and we thank those who thought that no one except them deserved to live.

We want the arrogant Sharon to become the defence minister because we know he is ruthless, and we want more atrocities committed so the flame of revolution will burn more and more. For over 40 years many Palestinians have died, some naturally, some as martyrs — enough have died to have liberated Palestine. For 40 years we have waited for the promises of Britain, the US, the Western countries and even the Soviets to be fulfilled.

It is a serious mistake to request that the world intervene or ask Israel to implement the Geneva Convention and show mercy on the Palestinians. We do not want the mercy of Israel, and we will not show mercy when the current revolution is in full stride.

This revolution now awaits the birth of a new leadership from inside Palestine; a leadership that is not contaminated by forced donations, royal courts and red carpets.

The example of the Algerian revolution shows how revolution and its leadership must come from within — the leadership from outside in the Algerian revolution lived in Paris and died there. Their bodies were fattened on meat far removed from the revolution.

The revolutionaries have given us a clear impression of the current revolution through their slogans and the Palestinian flag. This revolution is not only against Israel, but is also a referendum on the Palestinian leadership and who it is. Is it the leadership of the 60 or 70 fronts or is it the leadership of the other 60 or 70 organisations who oppose the first? Or is it the leadership of those open shops on which huge sums of money are spent, resulting in more travel, receptions, press statements and bizarre ideologies. Sometimes they say that it is Mao Tse-tung who will liberate Palestine; at other times they say it is Kennedy, Nixon, or even Reagan. Some even say it is the compassionate Mrs Thatcher. On other occasions, they say that the liberation of Palestine will take place only after the whole Arab world unites, and we have to wait for another 100 years for that to happen.

For 40 years we thought that the new generation of Palestinians had forgotten their country, but now they have proven that they are stronger than those who wanted them to forget. The Palestinian popular uprising is a referendum on the Palestinians' just demand for the restoration of their rights, homeland and in choosing their true leadership.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Uprising in Gaza Strip

Palestinians have nothing to lose

By Karin Laub

There are two main reasons for the rising tensions in Jabalia, two miles (three kilometres) north of Gaza city and home to 55,000 refugees: it is the most densely populated of the eight refugee camps in the Gaza Strip, and it is the only one to have an Army base within its boundaries.

The camp was set up in 1948, and the stone huts built at the time by the United Nations as temporary shelters have long since turned into permanent housing.

A stagnant, reeking pool surrounded by rusted car wrecks forms the camp's centre. Next to the pool is the Army base from which helmeted soldiers emerge periodically to patrol the narrow dirt roads on foot or in jeeps.

Tore

During a recent visit, toddlers, their eyes covered by flies, played amid the open sewage, and goats tore pieces of garbage from an overflowing dumpster sitting in a main intersection.

A camp doctor who spoke on condition of anonymity said residents haul drinking water from three wells contaminated by sewage, and that there was an epidemic of parasitic diseases, including intestinal worms. Four doctors see 400 to 500 patients every day, he said.

Appalled

But friends and ex-followers expressed astonishment and dismay at his decision, which they said would cast the race into confusion, make the party a laughing stock, and hurt candidates who might otherwise beat the Republican nominee.

"I was just appalled," said Democratic Party veteran Frank Mankiewicz, an ex-Hart backer.

Critics say money is a key Hart motive. He is \$1.1 million in debt from his losing 1984 bid, but by running, may get \$1 million in tax-funded election money.

Hart denies money is a motive.

He says he is back in the race because other Democratic contenders — black activist Rev. Jesse Jackson, Massachusetts governor Michael Dukakis, Illinois Senator Paul Simon, Tennessee Senator Albert Gore, Missouri representative Richard Gephardt, and former Arizona

Giving peace process a chance

When elephants stop fighting smaller animals are heard

By Earl W. Foell

BOSTON: An East African saying puts it neatly: when the elephants quit fighting, you can hear the smaller animals. When the superpowers stop butting tusks and start talking, a lot of lesser quarrels begin to edge off dead centre.

Peace is certainly not yet breaking out all over. But explorations are — involving Vietnam and Cambodia, Central America, Israel-East European relations, Afghanistan, Mozambique, a Middle East international conference.

Furthermore, when the elephants stop fighting, they begin to get serious about lesser negotiations. Areas in which they had almost given up even the pretence of serious bargaining spring to life. There are signs, for instance, that American-European-Soviet negotiations on reduction of conventional forces and chemical weapons may be about to move out of a long period of neglect.

Relations

Israel, still bargaining tough with Moscow over full resumption of relations broken off because of the 1967 Israel-Arab

war, is nearing some type of resumed relations with three Eastern European nations.

In Central America, the major Nicaraguan and Salvadorean opponents are very active, faced as they are with deadlines and intense public scrutiny. Even Cuban-American relations have warmed slightly as Mikhail Gorbachev, Havana's subsidiser, signed a first missile deal with Washington and almost daily makes clear that he wants to shrink subsidies of all kinds.

Gorbachev's cost-effective campaign has not changed his bottom-line terms on Afghanistan — a regime friendly to Moscow. But long-running explorations under UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar are narrowing differences on less central issues.

Mozambique's President had been in New York and Washington, trying to make the best of the Soviet-American thaw to reinforce the Reagan administration's sometimes wavering support. He is endangered by

guerrillas backed by, among others, United States Sens. Jesse Helms of North Carolina and Robert Dole of Kansas.

The US and Israeli foreign ministers tried to advance their plan for an international conference to midwife Arab-Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

As indicated earlier in this column, talks on conventional force reductions in Europe may be the sleeper in this whole catalogue of revived bargaining. Such reductions — of troops, tanks, helicopters, tank-killing weapons, etc. — could also be the most important of the lot in global strategic terms.

Back

So far, the mutual and balanced force reduction (MBFR) talks in Vienna have been nothing but a dead backwater in the superpower chess game. No less an authority than a host of the talks — Austria's forthright Foreign Minister Alois Mock — sees MBFR as fading. But he also

believes the subject is ripe for a comeback under a different guise, perhaps in Geneva.

There are two sources of momentum on this issue. First, Germany, France, and Britain may dig in their heels and say they will not back a US-Soviet deal on a 50 per cent reduction of long-range missiles unless there is a serious progress on conventional armaments. Nato leaders don't wish to see the dismantling of their local shield against Soviet military superiority (short- and mid-range missiles) followed by reduction of the non-local nuclear deterrent (long-range missiles) without shrinkage of Soviet-bloc regular forces.

French officials reportedly have even gone so far as to consider moving some of their independent nuclear missiles into Germany as a bargaining counter. What makes any new negotiation on conventional forces both fascinating and difficult is the degree to which cuts would have to be "asymmetrical". What the Europeans (and the

US) want is heavier Soviet-bloc than Western reductions of manpower and weapons. When such bargaining gets serious, several apparently extraneous matters ought to be remembered:

1. The West does not need absolute parity of forces because of the uncertainty Moscow must live with regarding its Warsaw Pact partners. Five of the East-bloc bosses are in their 70s, turnover may lead to uneasiness — or instability. Eagerness of their armies has long been in question.

2. Moscow may be more willing to give ground on armed forces reduction because China has already unilaterally launched a 24 per cent cut in its army. Moscow's large forces have always been a response to fear of a two-front struggle in Europe and the Far East.

3. Pressure in Congress to bring US troops home may rise again, for budget or isolationist reasons. That pressure would assist Kremlin bargainers.

The Christian Science Monitor

After the elections

Mood isn't right in Haiti

By Ed McCullough

PORT-AU-PRINCE, (AP): The manager of Radio Metropole woke up one morning last week, tuned in his station and heard three straight Christmas songs. But in Haiti, "this year, nothing feels like Christmas," he said.

"The mood isn't right. I called and told them to play no more than two songs an hour," said manager Richard Widmaier.

He said ruefully that "as long as I can remember — at least 10 years — we broadcast only Christmas music beginning Dec. 15."

Not for Christmas 1987, however.

The mood is hardly festive this holiday season in this dirty, over-crowded capital of 1 million people.

Since widely anticipated elections for president and national assembly were called off three weeks ago because of brutal attacks on voters by thugs — and, according to witnesses, soldiers — Haitians have ridden an emotional roller-coaster of shock, fear, outrage, frustration and resignation.

At least 34 people were killed in the terror campaign, most of them by gunfire or machete blows.

Nativity creches in this predominantly Roman Catholic nation are seldom seen. Nor are pine trees, invariably scraggly, entered to car roofs.

Few are the stores with windows bordered by strings of lights, tinsel or bunting. Few homes wear the traditional lanterns of brightly coloured paper with a candle burning inside.

"I'm having a party but most of my friends aren't," said a manager of a large department store, who spoke on condition that neither she nor the store be identified. "There is no spirit this

year. People are down."

Merchants downtown and in the wealthy suburb Petionville say business is way off, and really hasn't been robust since before nationwide demonstrations that began in the fall of 1985 and toppled dictator Jean-Claude Duvalier the following February.

"People aren't spending at all. We're down 40 per cent from last Christmas, and last Christmas wasn't good," said Ram Lulla, manager of the Little Europe Shop that sells expensive perfumes, haccarat crystal and imported jewelry.

"I'm not selling anything because nobody has any money," said a streetcorner vendor sitting on a wooden stool in the shade of radios stacked on planks between an open sewer and the hot Caribbean sun.

The major presidential candidates met with US ambassador Brunson McKinley on Dec. 12, apparently seeking support for their petition that foreign governments withdraw diplomatic recognition from the Namphy government.

A US diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed that the gathering took place, but would not comment on what was discussed.

The junta this month named a new electoral council to replace the one it dissolved on Nov. 29, drafted a new election law and proceeded with plans to hold a new vote on Jan. 17.

The major presidential candidates have vowed to boycott any balloting run by the junta.

Holiday greetings from the junta included a widely-circulated Namphy interview with Paris newspaper in which he praised the Army for not intervening in the election violence, and criticised the Catholic church, foreign governments and the old electoral council.

Meanwhile, government employees grumble that they have not received their legally mandated Christmas bonuses of one month's pay.

Radio Haiti Inter reported Friday that the Finance Ministry asked other government agencies to cut their budgets by up to 50 per cent because the government is running out of money.

The secretary of state for the Finance Ministry, Fritz Viola, told the Associated Press, "there is no problem at all paying the checks." But he acknowledged, "Christmas bonuses? That's another story."

Bangladesh to seek more foreign aid

Finance Ministry officials said gross domestic product could rise only 2.25 per cent in 1987/88 against an initial target of 5.1 per cent.

"The country's economic activities have come to a standstill," Khan said. "There is no known magic wand to give them life unless there is a political solution to the present problems."

The government may have to raise taxes and utility bills to help offset its losses, economists said.

The government hopes to ease the flood losses by producing an

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 69 — Roman emperor Vitellius is assassinated.
- 1363 — Archduke Ferdinand, son of the emperor, is elected king of the Romans.
- 1790 — Russian troops capture Ismail, Russia, from the Turks.
- 1894 — Alfred Dreyfus is convicted of treason by French court martial and is ordered imprisoned on Devil's Island in French Guiana.
- 1905 — Insurrection of Moscow workers; Revolution in Persia begins.
- 1929 — Round-table conference opens between British viceroy and Indian party leaders on dominion status for India.
- 1942 — US Heavy Bombers raid Japanese-occupied Rangoon, Burma, in World War II.
- 1956 — Last Anglo-French forces leave Port Said, Egypt, following Suez war.
- 1958 — France and Egypt sign trade pact.
- 1963 — Greek liner *Laconia* catches fire and sinks in North Atlantic with loss of 150 lives.
- 1968 — Eighty-two crewmen of US intelligence ship *Pueblo* are released by North Korea at Panmunjom, 11 months after their capture off North Korea.
- 1975 — Pro-Palestinian commandos end 28-hour siege of Vienna, Austria, headquarters of world oil cartel, take hostages and airliner provided by Austria, and begin flight that takes them to several Middle East capitals.
- 1985 — Winnie Mandela, defying expulsion order, is arrested by police who drag her from her Soweto, South Africa, home.
- 1986 — Libya attacks Chadian loyalist guerrillas with napalm and toxic gas in Tibesti mountains of northern Chad.

Hart is a most puzzling character in US public life

By Christopher Hanson

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): Gary Hart, who stunned the nation by rejoining a Democratic presidential race he quit in May, is among the most perplexing figures in US public life.

The former Colorado Senator, 51, withdrew from the campaign after allegations he had an extramarital affair with 29-year-old Miami model Donna Rice.

Now he is back, declaring he has the power of new ideas and is qualified to be president as anyone in 20 years.

Politics-watchers are trying to figure out just what goaded him to run again and what makes him tick.

"Essentially it's therapy, the need to complete something that seems unfinished," Democrat Ted van Dyk, who worked closely with Hart in past races, told Reuters.

Hart, announcing his born-again candidacy in New Hampshire last Tuesday, declared: "There is no shame in losing, only in quitting. If you believe in yourself ... you don't give up."

Asked if he was responding to charges he was reckless and selfish, Hart told reporters, "I'm not ... it's fiction ... I am as entitled to run for office as anybody else."

Raised in the tiny town of Ottawa, Kansas, Hart was brought up in the restrictive fundamentalist church of the Nazarene by a strict mother who forbade dancing, movies, listening to the radio.

Crimped as a teenager, when others got the rebellion out of their system, he has rebelled ever since, Sheehy said.

Hart's "womanizing," she argued, "was a compulsion rooted not in seeking illicit sex but in proving he was so utterly worthy that he could break all the rules."

Frowned

Some ex-Hart campaign associates, speaking on condition they not be identified, agreed with Sheehy, one saying Hart seemed to think he was "destiny's child — above it all."

Denying such charges, Hart says he has apologised for the Rice episode and takes responsibility for it.

Hart's religious sect frowned on worldly success, which Sheehy said created in Hart an ambivalence toward political

power which persisted even as he quit Divinity School to study law at Yale, left the church, and entered politics.

Sheehy said this conflict over power made it certain Hart would self-destruct while running for the highest office.

Others have said he has a political death wish.

Hart has hit the press hounding him. A theme of his new race is let the voters decide, not the news media.

Political scholar James Barber, author of the *Presidential Character*, said Hart had "a blind spot in his character" — he failed to understand that his actions had consequences. Last spring Hart invited reporters to his home, insisting his private life was boring, when in fact he was seeing Rice.

Hart, announcing his born-again candidacy in New Hampshire last Tuesday, declared: "There is no shame in losing, only in quitting. If you believe in yourself ... you don't give up."

Asked if he was responding to charges he was reckless and selfish, Hart told reporters, "I'm not ... it's fiction ... I am as entitled to run for office as anybody else."

Raised in the tiny town of Ottawa, Kansas, Hart was brought up in the restrictive fundamentalist church of the Nazarene by a strict mother who forbade dancing, movies, listening to the radio.

Crimped as a teenager, when others got the rebellion out of their system, he has rebelled ever since, Sheehy said.

Hart's "womanizing," she argued, "was a compulsion rooted not in seeking illicit sex but in proving he was so utterly worthy that he could break all the rules."

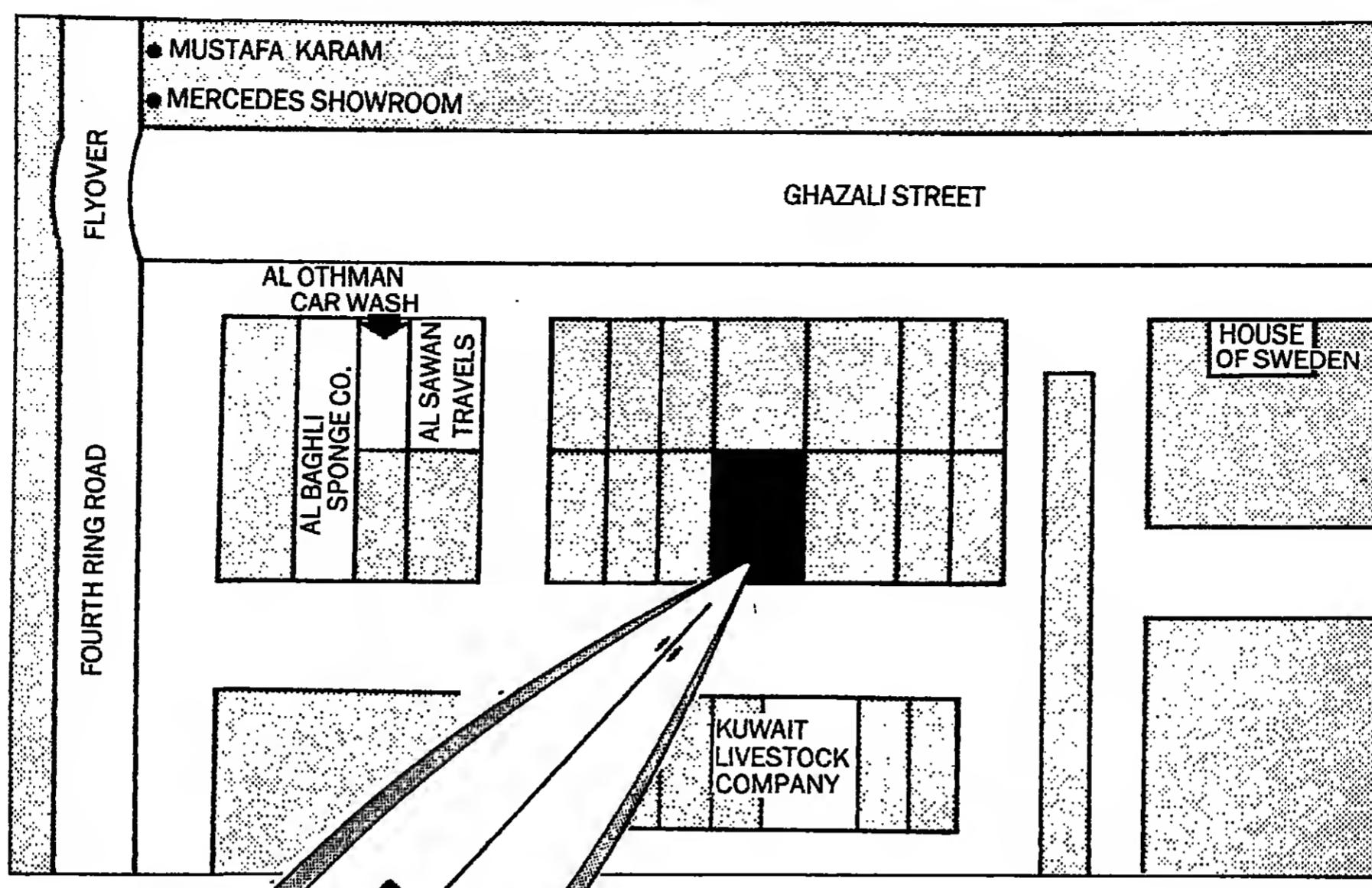
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Some ex-Hart campaign associates, speaking on condition they not be identified, agreed with Sheehy, one saying Hart seemed to think he was "destiny's child — above it all."

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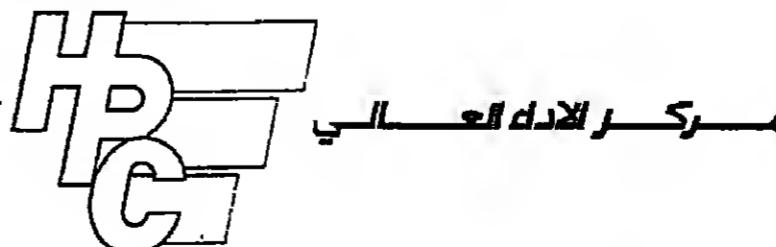
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Khalid Siddik — in search of Arab roots



Khalid Siddik: a rarity in the Gulf.

RENNED KUWAITI film director Khalid Siddik is sometimes asked why he has not made a film about the modern Gulf region he lives in, with its steel and glass towers, freeways and oil wells.

"I've always sought out the real roots of the Arabs in their traditional environments, whether Kuwait, Sudan or the Silk Route days," he told Reuters in an interview, referring to his three feature films.

Siddik, 42, has set poignant love stories in the oases of Sudan and in the pearl days before Kuwait's oil boom.

In his latest movie, he turns the clock back 600 years to the height of Arab empire when European adventurers, Arab traders and Indian beauties mingled on Marco Polo's Silk Route to China.

Siddik is a rarity in the Gulf Arab states, where a handful of film makers produce mostly state-sponsored documentaries and TV serials.

Classic

He has overcome parental rebuke, religious opposition and financial risk to achieve recognition at home and abroad as a leading Arab writer, director and producer of full-length feature films.

Siddik recalled that when his first film, "Bas Ya Bahr" (The Cruel Sea), came out in 1972, some Kuwaiti parliamentarians called for the negatives to be burned.

The award-winning film is now regarded as a classic, the tragic story of a young Kuwaiti who dies on a pearl-trip trying to earn the bride price for the girl he loves.

Siddik's passion for the screen started early while he



Actors from Syria, Italy, Kuwait and India star in Shaheen. A still from the film.

was in school in India, the Third World's leading film maker.

When he returned to Kuwait aged 16, his religious father deemed film-making un-Islamic and insisted he go into the family business.

"I told him if I joined the family firm it would go bust in a fortnight," Siddik remembers.

"But my father resisted (Siddik's film-making) until his last moments."

He learned the rudiments of cinematic technique in the early days of Kuwaiti television and studied in Britain, Italy and the United States.

Success

Kuwait's mud huts and traditional wedding dances and the long months at sea vanished 50 years ago, but are vividly shown in Siddik's film.

The success of "The Cruel Sea," which won nine international awards, encouraged Siddik in 1975 to set up his own

studio in Kuwait, the first private studio in the Gulf.

His next film was adapted from Sudanese writer Al-Tayeb Saleb's novel, "Urs Az-Zain" (The Wedding of Zain).

The Hollywood magazine variety said it "held its own with most of the films in the ... Venice festival."

The first to make a feature film in Sudan, Siddik's crew braved lions, searing desert heat and mechanical breakdown while travelling to and from a remote oasis village.

"The Wedding of Zain" (1978) tells how a buffoon reviled by local religious

leaders wins the most beautiful girl in the village through his simple, pure spirituality.

"Shaheen," the latest film, is due to make its world premiere in Kuwait next year.

Using actors from Syria, Italy, Kuwait and India, Siddik adapts an Italian love story from Boccaccio's "Decameron" — to the backdrop of cosmopolitan India.

Co-produced with Italian television and an Indian company, the film will come out in four separate versions — Arabic, Hindi, English and Italian.

"Filming the Tower of Babel would have been easier," Siddik said with a laugh.

Dialogue

His previous films carried English and classical Arabic subtitles — so Arabs not familiar with the Kuwaiti and Sudanese dialects could follow the dialogue.

In "Shaheen," the Arabic name of a prized Indian falcon, an Italian traveller kills the treasured bird he needs to survive, to prove his love for the Indian wife of an Arab merchant.

"The backdrop is historical, the story is romantic and the political message is there — the peaceful co-existence of nations despite their religious differences," Siddik says.

"All my films have different levels so, both, the masses and intellectuals can appreciate them."

Will the next film also intertwine romance with Arab history and tradition?

"After Shaheen, I have to shift totally," Siddik says. "I don't want to have the same type of films stamped on me."



Indian actress Kiran Juneja with the falcon in a still from Khalid Siddik's Shaheen.

New chief for BBC Cairo

BARNABY Mason has been appointed Chief of the BBC's Cairo Bureau. He takes up his new post in January. Mason succeeds Bob Jobbin who has returned to London to be head of the BBC Arabic Service.

Mason, 42, trained as a journalist in 1971 and since then has worked for the BBC's External Services News Department in a number of editorial capacities. He was also UK Affairs Correspondent, North Africa Correspondent and, most recently as Special Correspondent in the Pacific.

Mason, who is returning to the Arab world after four years, says: "I'm looking forward to the challenge of bringing alive to listeners the reality of Egypt."

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CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Born American
Starring: Mike Norris, Steve Durham

Al Saliniya
Ruthless People
Starring: Danny De Vito

Al Hamra
Li'Adam Kifayah Al Adalah (Arabic)
Starring: Najla Fathi, Yusra, Salah Saadani

Drive-In
Jara Al Wuhoosh (Arabic)
Starring: Noor Al Sharif, Noora, Hussein Fahmi, Mahmoud Abdul Aziz

Al Firdous
Tarana (Hindi)
Starring: Dilip Kumar, Madhubala

Fahsheel Open-Air
Ghazab (Hindi)

Al-Fahaheel
Equals Against Devils
Al Jabra
Sidratu (Bengali)

Granada
Geetam (Malayalam)

Sulaihikhat
Protector

Al Jleeb
Naug Purnima (Bengali)

Ahmed Drive-In
La'anat Al Maaal (Arabic)
Starring: Hatem Zulfiqar, Imaan, Yusuf Shaban

WHAT'S ON

At the Sheraton

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Unique project to promote understanding through science and knowledge

Cultural Utopia emerging in a desert

The Madinat Al Hikmat, a multi-purpose project to promote education and culture is taking shape at a little distance from Karachi. The basic concept of the Madinat Al Hikmat is to create an atmosphere conducive to learning. By undertaking such a huge project, the Hamdard Foundation hopes it will be able to strengthen ties in the Islamic world through science and knowledge. Arab Times senior reporter Hamid Siddiqui, who toured the Madinat Al Hikmat site during his recent visit to Karachi, writes about the project.

By Hamid Siddiqui

A CITY of culture and knowledge is emerging on a 300-acre piece of land in a desert area near Karachi, that would provide Pakistan, where mass literacy is at a low level, with one of the best universities in the country. Students from the underdeveloped areas will derive the benefits of this seat of learning.

Located near the Hub river

on Bund Murad in Karachi, the complex of Madinat Al Hikmat (City of Learning) will house the Hamdard University, Centre for Culture and Learning, Convention centre, Hamdard Library, Hamdard School, the Institute of Sciences, a youth centre, a grand mosque, a sports stadium, an orphan home and staff colony. The complex is being built by the Hamdard Foundation, which will also run it.

The story of Hamdard, whose name stands out in the

world in the field of medicine, education, research and cultural activities, began in 1906 when an Indian physician of Eastern medicine, Hakim Abdul Majeed, founded the House of Hamdard. Guided by the principle that every man should serve his fellow human being, he dedicated to the cause of humanity.

Hakim Abdul Majeed was a dedicated physician and at one stage realising that natural drugs are a good cure for physical ailments, decided to establish a drug-manufacturing facility. This is how Hamdard, meaning in Persian a person who shares other people's pain and ordeal, came into being. It soon developed into a big establishment and expanded its areas of activities.

Hakim Majeed's two sons, Hakim Abdul Hameed and Hakim Mohammad Saeed, following the footsteps of their father, explored new areas and provided fresh dimensions to the activities of Hamdard which today stands out as an organisation of international repute. It is recognised around the world including the World Health Organisation (WHO).

With the partition of the sub-continent, the two brothers parted from each other with the pledge that both would continue their service to humanity.

At the time of migration to Pakistan in 1947, Hakim Saeed transferred all his assets from Hamdard Waqf (India) and made a new beginning in the newly-born country with meagre resources.

Struggling hard and having a clear sense of direction and purpose, Hakim Saeed in 1953 brought Hamdard (Pakistan)

to a stage where he could transfer his ownership to a Waqf (trust). And this is how the Hamdard Foundation, the first such organisation in Pakistan came into existence.

There are two elementary points regarding the House of Hamdard. Firstly, it is a pharmaceutical concern the profits of which are considered to be national assets. Secondly, the foundation is devoted to social work and all profits of Hamdard (Waqf) are channelled to the foundation's social welfare activities.

Hakim Saeed says that, primarily, Hamdard's area of activity is medicine but since all disciplines of learning and human well-being are interconnected to each other, neither he nor Hamdard Foundation could stay away from the comprehensive realm of education.

These considerations, he said, led Hamdard to undertake the task of building the Madinat Al Hikmat.

On Dec 15, 1983 over a hundred eminent personalities assembled at the project site and each laid a brick for the foundation of Madinat Al Hikmat. Since December 1983 work on the huge project is going on at a fast pace.

Dar Al Hikmat

Dar Al Hikmat (Centre of Learning) will be an institution which would follow developments in the field of learning taking place outside Pakistan. It would keep the scholars informed about the latest advancement in science and technology and other areas of knowledge. The Dar Al Hikmat building will be a multi-purpose one and will serve as the nuclei for different faculties and offices. These faculties will have committee rooms and auditoriums with modern facilities.

The centre will have a modern auditorium to hold lectures and social programmes. In addition to the main auditorium with a capacity of 1,500 persons, there will also be smaller auditoriums and committee rooms. The ground floor of the six-storey building will have a cafeteria, a library, a sales centre for books, a sales

centre for newspapers and periodicals, air-travel office, an art gallery and a printing press.

Madinat Al Hikmat will have a grand convention centre named after the Kuwaiti ruling family. While designing this centre the aesthetic and functional aspects have been kept in mind. Kuwait's Public Health Minister Dr Abdul Rahman Awadi laid the foundation in 1985.

The Hamdard School, for 5,000 children, is being built on a 60-acre area. One block of the building is completed and it is hoped the school will start functioning from early next year. Prominent educationists of the country have extended advisory help to the school.

Al Furqan will be a house for 1,000 orphans who will be educated on primary and higher levels. Hamdard Foundation has sought financial help from outside Pakistan to construct its building and other facilities.

University

HAMDARD University will be the main attraction at the Madinat Al Hikmat. President General Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq laid the foundation of the university on June 17, 1985 and announced that the government had in principle agreed to grant charter to the university. Unesco also pledged cooperation.

Students after passing the secondary school examination will be eligible for admission into the university. Arab students may be admitted directly but non-Arabs, with little knowledge of Arabic will have to attend a one-year course in Arabic.

The total length of study will be nine years divided into three stages. The students will be taught the fundamentals of Islamic belief (faith), Islamic system of life, Quran, Hadith, Islamic jurisprudence, Islamic history, and Ilm Al Kalam (dialectics).

The Institute of Medical Sciences at the Hamdard University will be a teaching and research centre of immense value. Equal importance will be given at this institution to traditional wisdom and con-

temporary medical science. The aim is to create a synthesis of the old and new for the benefit of the contemporary society. Pakistani scholars would contribute in the research projects and the Hamdard Foundation has also established contacts with the World Health Organisation to make maximum use of international expertise in this field.

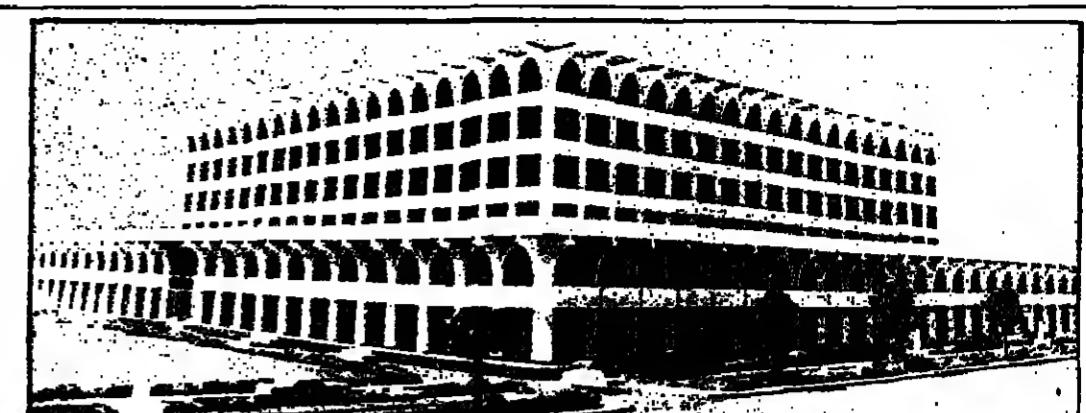
Institute of Islamic Thought

The Institute of Islamic Thought will conduct research studies in Islam and contemporary religions. The institute will be open to research scholars from all over the world.

Hakim Saeed's library one of the best in Pakistan, is housed presently at the Hamdard Foundation in Nazimabad, Karachi. It has about 100,000 volumes and receives about 800 periodicals annually. This library will be shifted to Madinat Al Hikmat where a new building for Hamdard Library is under construction.

The new building is expected to accommodate about 2.5 million books. A world-wide campaign to collect books is underway. Indexing at the library will be computerised and will be equipped with all modern facilities.

There are at least three million manuscripts, belonging



A model of the 'Firdans-al-Kutab' (the Hamdard Library).

to the period between 9th and 14th centuries A.D. available with different sources all over the world. Hamdard is trying to collect this valuable data in the form of copies and micro-films so that a unified catalogue is compiled and made available to research workers.

The Hamdard School is also

have a Teaching Science

Museum for children. Hakim Saeed, the president of the Hamdard Foundation, has

sought experience of the

officials of the Ontario Science

Centre in Canada to run the

facilities.

The sports complex at the

Madinat Al Hikmat, Hamdard

Club, will provide facilities for

sports and physical exercise. It

will have football, hockey and

cricket grounds and volleyball

and badminton courts. Indoor games facilities will also

be a part of the complex.

A staff colony, estimated to

have 1,000 houses and flats

is planned to fulfil the residential

requirements of the staff at the

Madinat Al Hikmat.

Hakim Saeed, a man of inter-

national repute, had held senior

positions in Pakistan. Member

of several medical and

social organisations, he is an

author of numerous books on

Islam and Eastern medicine.

As a practising physician,

Hakim Saeed travels every

months to major cities of Paki-

stan to treat patients.

A grand mosque, Madina

Model of one of the three blocks of the Hamdard School.

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Dear Junior Readers,

Whether you celebrate Christmas or not, the message to be learned of Christmas is appropriate for everyone—giving freely. Parents are expected to do this for their children and their lives are spent "giving freely" of their time and money to make life easier for their children.

Now is a good time to return some of your parents' generosity, and the things most parents appreciate the most are kindnesses that you show them daily. It is not important that you go out and buy something for your parents—simply do something special around the house that will show your mom and dad that you are thinking of them.

Aunt Barbara

Happy birthday



Sajin Chacko, a Lower Kindergarten student in the Indian School, Abbasiya, celebrated his sixth birthday on December 17 with his family in Kuwait. Best wishes, Sajin, from your family and friends.

Firsts and lasts

The first two advertisements in newspapers were printed in 1647. They were very different, the first being for a book published by the Clergy of England, and the second advertisement being for information about the theft of two horses.

It was not until after the Middle Ages that black was first worn as the colour of mourning in England. Before then it was usual to wear white, as it is still in China. In Turkey they do not wear either black or white, but purple.

The first letter of the word for 'mother' is 'm' in most of the world's languages.

A society in Belgium was first set up in 1877—its aim? To 'improve the morals of domestic cats.'

A.S.K. third-graders present holiday play



American School of Kuwait Third Grade classes performed "The town hall holiday tree" at the Piccola Theater, Surra. The play, emphasising the seasonal message of giving freely, even of one's time, involved about 62 children and was performed before a full house of appreciative family members and friends. Pictured above are left to right: Santa, Erik Beauchamp, Mrs. Higgins and helpers, Salma El Baradie, Nessrin Abu Shahba, Dalia Jaisan and the Mayor, Chucki Grgis.

Let's cook
Gingerbread men

Ingredients

100g (4 oz) plain flour
1/2 level teaspoonful bicarbonate of soda
25g (1 oz) brown sugar
50g (2 oz) margarine
75g (3 oz) golden syrup
1 level teaspoonful ground ginger
Currants for decoration
50g (2 oz) plain flour
for shaping

- Put oven on at Gas Mark 5 (electricity 375°F/190°C).
- Cream margarine and sugar together, add the golden syrup and ground ginger and mix well.
- Sift in flour and the

The Bremen town musicians

A MAN had a donkey, who for many a long year had carried his sacks to the mill. But now the donkey was growing old and was not fit for work, so his master thought that the poor animal was no longer worth his keep. The donkey well realised that his master held no good intentions towards him, so he ran away on the road to Bremen.

Before he had gone far he met a dog lying panting by the roadside.

"What's the matter with you, old fellow?" asked the donkey.

"Alas!" said the dog, "I am growing old and weak, and cannot hunt any longer for my master. He wanted to kill me, so I ran away from home, but how I am going to earn my food is more than I can guess."

"Now you listen to me," said the donkey. "I am going to Bremen to join the town band. Why not come with me, and try your hand at music? I'll play the lute, and you can beat the drum."

The dog thought this was an excellent idea, so off they went together towards Bremen.

Before long they met a cat sitting by the wayside, with a face as long as three rainy days.

"What's worrying you, old whiskers?" asked the donkey.

"How can I look happy," replied the cat, "when my life is in danger? I am old, my teeth are no longer sharp, and I prefer to lie in front of the fire rather than

to hunt mice. My mistress thinks I am not worth my keep. She wanted to drown me, so I ran away. But where can I go?"

"Come along with us to Bremen! You know all about serenading, so you can become a town musician with us."

This suited the cat very well, so off she went with the dog and the donkey. By and by they came to a farm-yard, where the cock was perched on the gate, crowing with all his might.

"You are making enough noise to waken the dead!" said the donkey. "What's the trouble?"

"Tomorrow is Sunday and we are having guests to dinner," said the cock. "The good lady of the house means to have chicken soup, and I am to have my head cut off this very evening. So I am crowing at the top of my voice while there is still breath left in mine."

"But why not come along with us, red-comb?" said the donkey. "We are going to Bremen to be town musicians, and you have a fine powerful voice. So the cock fell in with this plan, and all four of them went on together.

But they were unable to reach Bremen in one day, and as it grew dark they came to a wood, and there they proposed to spend the night. The donkey stood with his fore-feet on the window sill, the dog jumped on to the donkey's back, the cat climbed on

head, while the cock perched himself to roost on the very tip of the tree, where he felt quite safe from danger.

Before settling down he took a good look round, and saw a light in the distance; so he called down to his companions, "There must be a house not far off. For I see a light."

"Let's go and have a look," said the donkey. "For I have known better places than this for a night's rest."

The dog felt that a good bone with some meat on it would not go amiss, so off they set in the direction of the light, which soon grew brighter and bigger, until they came to the house, from where it was shining out. The donkey was the tallest, so he crept up to the window and peeped inside.

"What do you see, old fellow?" asked the cock.

"What do I see?" replied the donkey. "I see a table set with all kinds of good things to eat and drink, with four robbers sitting at it and baying a gay old time."

"We could do with some of that," sighed the dog.

"Yes, if only we could get in," agreed the donkey.

So they put their heads together, and worked out a plan for chasing the robbers away, and this is what they did. The donkey stood with his fore-feet on the window sill, the dog jumped on to the donkey's back, the cat climbed on

top of the dog, and the cock perched on top of the cat's head.

Then a signal was given, they blared out their music together, the donkey brayed, the dog howled, the cat miaowed, and the cock crowed "Cock-a-doodle-doo!" After that they burst through the window, sending broken glass flying in all directions.

At this frightful clamour the robbers leapt to their feet, having little doubt that a ghost was amongst them, and dashed out in terror into the forest. So our four comrades made themselves at home, and ate and ate as if they had been starving for weeks.

When they had finished eating and drinking, the four musicians put out the light and sought a place to sleep, each one according to his own taste. The donkey lay down in the midden in the yard, the dog settled himself behind the door, the cat curled up in the hearth, and the cock perched on the rafters overhead. They were tired after their long journey and soon fell asleep.

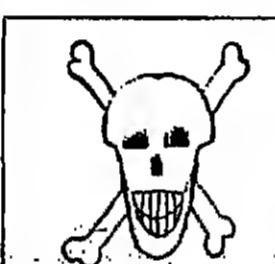
Shortly after midnight the robbers saw from some distance off that the light was out, and they felt a little ashamed at having been so easily scared away. Back they went to the house, and found everything quiet. One of the robbers was sent inside into the kitchen to make sure

legs would carry him. "There's a horrible witch in the house," he gasped, "who scratched my face with her long fingernails. Behind the door stands a man with a sharp knife, who stabbed me in the leg as I passed. In the yard there is a dreadful black monster, who leapt at me with a wooden club, while up on the roof sits the judge, who called out, "Bring the rogue here!" So I took to my heels and ran."

The robbers made no further attempt to enter the house after that. The four Bremen town musicians made themselves quite comfortable there, and decided to make it their home.



Doctor, doctor



Doctor, doctor, my husband thinks he's a car.
Show him in at once.
I can't—he's double parked.

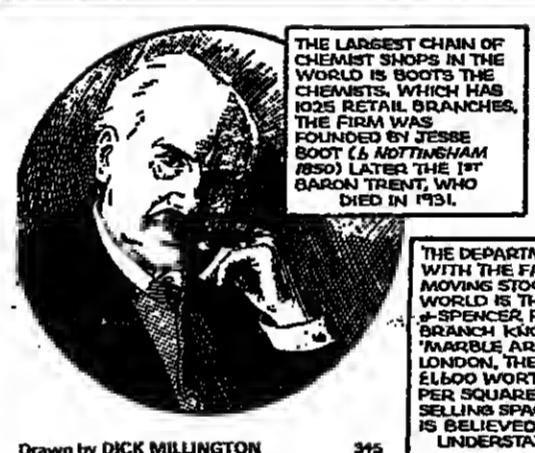
Doctor, doctor, I keep thinking I'm a frog.
Hop it!

Doctor, doctor, I feel like a pair of curtains.
Pull yourself together.

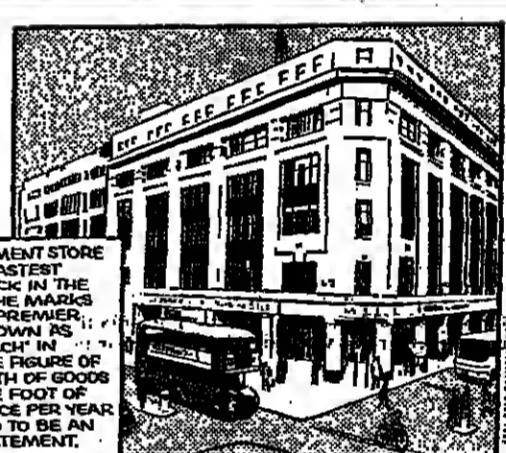
Doctor, doctor, I keep thinking I'm Steve Davis.
You're going all to pot.

Doctor, doctor, I feel like a hucket.
You do look a little pail.

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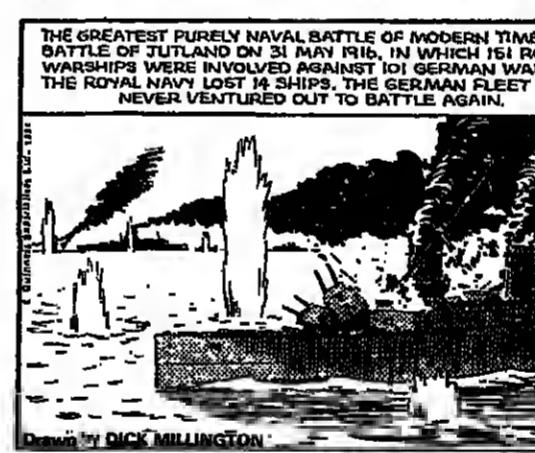
THE LARGEST CHAIN OF CHEMIST SHOPS IN THE WORLD IS BOOTS THE CHEMISTS AND DRUGGISTS, WITH 1025 RETAIL BRANCHES. THE FIRM WAS FOUNDED IN 1849 BY JAMES BOOTH IN NOTTINGHAM (1850) LATER THE 1ST BARON TRENT, WHO DIED IN 1931.



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AT HARRODS DEPARTMENT STORE IN LONDON, THE RECORD TIME FROM THE OPENING OF THE DOORS TO THE CROCKERY COUNTER DURING SALES IS 43 SECS.



THE GREATEST PURELY NAVAL BATTLE OF MODERN TIMES WAS THE BATTLE OF JUTLAND ON 31 MAY 1916, IN WHICH 100 WARSHIPS WERE INVOLVED AGAINST 101 GERMAN WARSHIPS. THE ROYAL NAVY LOST 14 SHIPS, THE GERMAN FLEET 11, BUT NEVER VENTURED OUT TO BATTLE AGAIN.



JUTLAND WAS THE FIRST SUBMARINE BATTLE IN WHICH MINES, SUBMARINES AND TORPEDOES TOOK OVER. THE ACTIONS OF THE COMMANDERS, THE BRITISH GRAND FLEET AND THE GERMAN FLEET, LEAD BY ADMIRAL SIR JOHN JELLIFFE (1859-1925).



THE GERMAN HIGH FLEET WAS UNDER THE COMMAND OF VICE-ADmiral SCHERER. THE FLEET BATTLE WHICH WAS DESTINED TO BE THE LAST IN WHICH THE FLEETS FIGHTED IT OUT WITHIN VISION OF EACH OTHER.

The Cinema

1. What was the first all-talking feature picture, and in what year did it appear?

2. Who said, "Beulah, peel me a grape," and in what film?

3. Who spoke the last words in *Gone With The Wind*, and what were they?

4. What did the films *Rebecca*, *The Great Man*, and *Edward, My Son* have in common?

5. Who played the part of the bank inspector, J. Pinkerton Snoopington, in the W. C. Fields film *The Bank Dick*?

6. Which actress was the top box office draw during World War II?

7. Can you complete the line "Play ... Sam" from *Casablanca*, and who said it? What was the title of the song referred to, and who played it?

8. One of the trademarks in films directed by Alfred Hitchcock is the walk-on non-speaking appearance of Hitchcock himself. How did he accomplish this in *Lifeboat*, when the setting was a lifeboat holding the few survivors of a torpedoed ship?

9. Who is the only film star to appear on a European postage stamp?

10. A star's name is often made, not born. Do you know the screen names of the following?

a) William Beedle

f) Frances Gumm

b) James Stewart

g) Marion M. Morrison

c) Norma Jean Mortenson

h) Frederick Austerlitz

d) Reginald Truscott-Jones

i) Allen Stewart Konigsberg

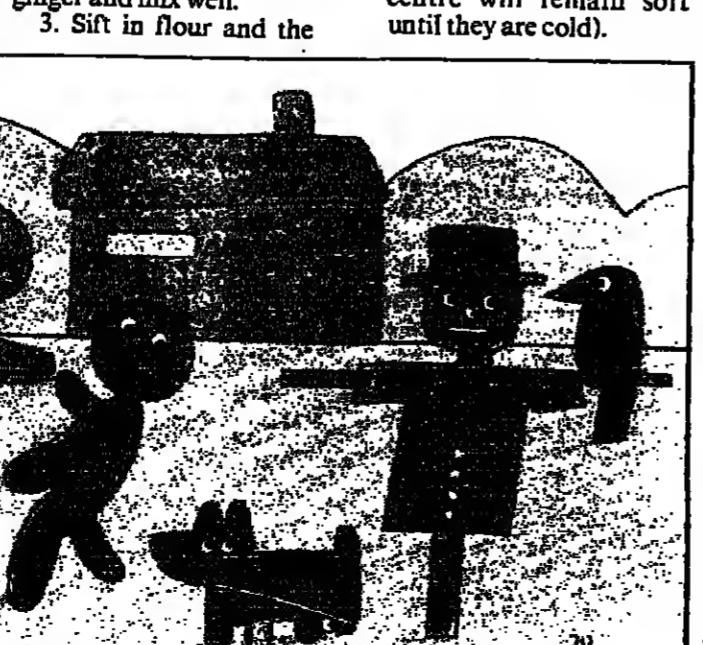
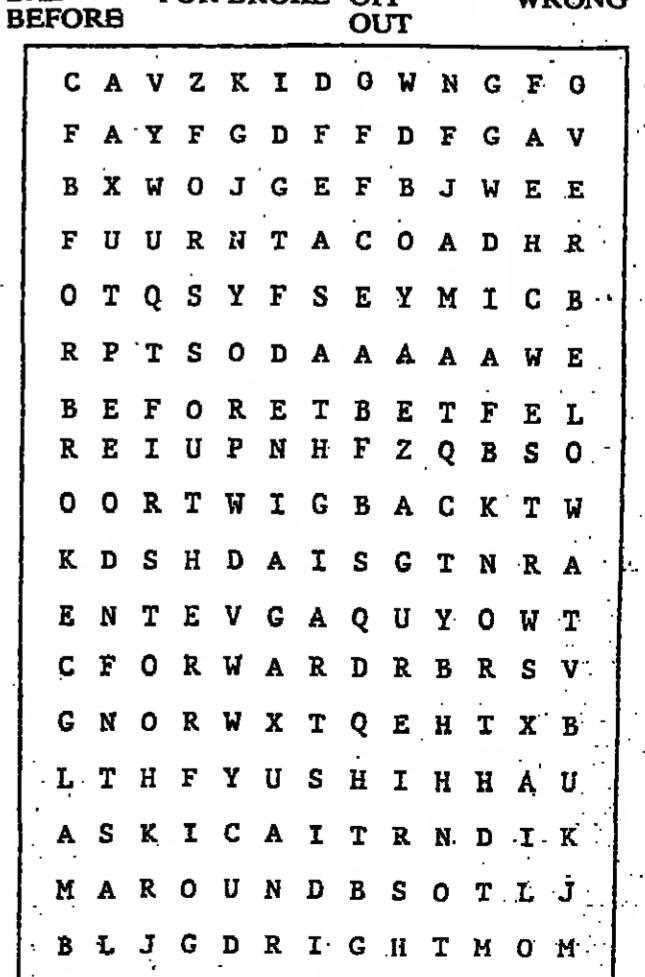
e) Issur D. Demsky

Answers: 1. *Lights of New York*, in 1928. 2. *Moe West*, in *She Done Him Wrong*. 3. *Vivien Leigh*, as *Scarlett O'Hara*, closed the film, saying, "After all, tomorrow is another day." 4. The title characters never appeared on the screen. 5. *Franklin Pangborn*. 6. *Betty Grable*. 7. *Play it, Sam*. ("Not 'Play it again, Sam.'") The words were spoken by Ingrid Bergman, not Humphrey Bogart. 8. *As Time Goes By* was played and sung by Dooley Wilson. 9. *Groce Kelly*, on the stamps of Monaco commemorating her marriage to Prince Rainier IV in 1956. 10. a) *William Holden* b) *Stewart Granger* c) *Marilyn Monroe* d) *Ray Milland* e) *Kirk Douglas* f) *Judy Garland* g) *John Wayne* h) *Anne Bancroft* i) *Fred Astaire* j) *Woody Allen*

Search for the right way

Can you find the words below in the diagram? They are formed in the diagram forwards, backwards, up, down, or diagonally, but they are always in a straight line and are never formed by skipping over any letters.

AGAIN	BEHIND	FORWARD	OVER
AROUND	BELOW	INTO	RIGHT
AWAY	DOWN	LAST	SOUTH
AWRY	EAST	LEFT	STRAIGHT
BACK	FIRST	NORTH	WEST
BAD	FOR BROKE	OFF	WRONG
BEFORE	PEACE	OUT	



BUSINESS & FINANCE

GCC strategy to diversify income resources

DOHA, Dec 21, (Opecna): The Amir of Qatar, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani, has said that his country and other Arab states of the Gulf have laid down a strategy of diversifying their sources of income, based on the realisation that oil is depletable.

In an interview published yesterday in the Saudi daily newspaper *Al-Jazirah*, the ruler observed that in order to implement the strategy, each country should make the best use of its local human and material potential, along with soliciting foreign expertise wherever necessary.

The Amir stated that his country had begun the year just ending with the development of the North Gasfield project to meet local needs in the first phase and export liquefied gas in the second stage.

Cost

The cost of the project was put at about \$1 billion, the Amir noted, adding that gas exports were expected to be made in the second half of the 1990s after securing markets abroad.

Al Thani expressed the hope the development of the North Field would contribute in supporting economic cooperation among fellow members of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), if chances were made available to market the gas regionally.

Opec may call extraordinary meeting, says Subroto

JAKARTA, Dec 21, (AP): Mines and Energy Minister Subroto said today the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries may call an extraordinary meeting if oil prices continue to decline.

He told reporters that the oil organisation may consider reducing its production in order to drive prices up and maintain its target price of \$18 a barrel.

"If prices continue to drop until the second or third week of the first quarter next year, the price committee may call an extraordinary meeting to discuss reduction of Opec total production," Subroto said.

He said Opec now produces about 18 million barrels a day.

Subroto said, however, he believed the price fluctuations on spot markets are "speculative."

Steady

He said the oil market's supply and demand were remaining steady, which "gives us a conclusion that the price fall is temporary."

He said Opec should be able to maintain its target price if each member would keep within its production limit.

He said Iraq, which refused to sign Opec's quota agreement, has reduced its production to around 2.5 million barrels from around 2.8 million barrels a day before the last Opec meeting in Vienna last week.

The UAE which was reported before the meeting to be exceeding its quota, also has reduced production, Subroto said. He gave no figures.

A barrel is 42 gallons (160 liters).

Pertamina signs two exploration contracts

JAKARTA, Dec 21, (UPI): Indonesia's state oil company, Pertamina, today signed two oil exploration contracts together worth \$71 million with the British company Brontoil and the American oil companies Chevron and Texaco.

The contracts are for exploration in eastern Indonesia, in regions considered "frontier" areas where little previous exploration work has been undertaken.

The signings bring to seven the number of Indonesian production-sharing contracts concluded this year, compared with three in 1986, and six in 1985.

Contract

Brontoil's new "Sula" exploration block is a 9,700-square-mile (25,000-sq-km) on- and offshore area located in the Sula Archipelago, off the east coast of the island of Sulawesi.

With acquisition of the Sula block, almost 50 per cent of Brontoil's gross acreage holdings will be in Indonesia, according to Brontoil's general manager for Indonesia, RJ Johnson.

Brontoil has paid \$1.5 million for the contract and is committed to spending at least \$35 million over six years on exploration activities.

How real is the threat?

Stock tumble makes mark on US mind

A recession probably will not happen in 1988, according to many analysts who feel the economy is just healthy enough to turn out its sixth straight year of expansion.

the stubborn trade deficit, massive budget shortfalls, high interest rates and the falling value of the dollar push the economy into a tailspin. And the 508-point plunge in the Dow Jones industrial average on Black Monday did more than increase chances of recession.

"It scared the hell out of just about everybody," said Jay Goldfinger, a financial analyst with Cantor, Fitzgerald and Co.

"The crash is slowly, slowly starting to seep its way through the crack of the US and world economies," he added.

"A lot of it is psychology," said economist Sandra Shaber of the Futures Group. There is a risk, she added, that uncertainty and anxiety caused by the crash will feed on itself and make matters worse.

Curbing

If the crash spooks Americans into sharply curbing consumption, for example, it could lead to an unhappy, self-fulfilling prophecy.

"The more they fear, the less they will buy and borrow, and the more likely their fears of recession will come true," she said. Consumer spending accounts for about two-thirds of the \$4.5 trillion American economy.

Five experts, however, would be shocked if the combined effects of the stock market panic, the shock effect of the crash, however, might have performed an invaluable service. It might

spur world political leaders to act to correct serious economic problems, including trade and budget imbalances as well as currency instability.

A group of 33 economists from 13 countries, through a study released by the institute for international economics, joined on Dec 16 to stress that unless action is taken, the international economy almost certainly will collapse.

Pumping

The first step toward putting the global financial house in order, said economist Hugh Johnson of First Albany Corp., is to restore international policy coordination.

"Humpy Dumpty fell off the wall" when the crash occurred, said Johnson. "What we've been in the process of doing since Black Monday is putting Humpy back together again."

The Federal Reserve Board, which tightened credit availability before the market panic, helped stem the crash by quickly pumping money into the economy, thus lowering interest rates.

The panic, Johnson said, was linked to a lack of cooperation between the United States and major trading partners, especially Japan and West Germany, in easing trade and budget imbalances and stabilising currency exchange rates.

Johnson was encouraged by a reduction in European interest rates, which should stimulate growth, attract US exports and help reduce an American trade deficit running at a record pace of \$175 billion in 1987.

The rate reduction "was an important step, and not just a symbolic one," Johnson said, adding: "There is much more to be done, particularly in bringing Japan into the effort."

Stimulate

Another major step will be for Japan and West Germany to further stimulate their economies.

The fall in the value of the dollar of more than 40 per cent against major foreign currencies also is expected, at long last, to ease the US trade deficit. The weak dollar makes US goods cheaper overseas and foreign goods more expensive in the United States.

As 1987 came to an end, it was clear that America's trading partners were alarmed by rapid decline in the dollar, which fell in December to post-war lows against the Japanese yen and the West German mark. Japan and West Germany are highly dependent on exports, and sharp drop in demand would seriously damage their economies.

It was a situation, analysts said, that eventually would prompt another round of emergency talks by the major industrial democracies, the so-called Group of Seven nations.

The falling dollar already has resuscitated the US export business, which suffered badly in recent years. Exports, especially of manufactured goods, are expected to be one of the strongest sectors of the economy in 1988, economists said.

However, the trade deficit will remain huge: \$142 billion, according to a forecast issued by the National Association of Business Economics. Although the volume of exports is up sharply, the weak dollar, which makes imports expensive for domestic consumers, will work against deficit improvements.

Soaks up

Less progress has occurred in efforts to cut the massive US budget deficit, which soaks up foreign and domestic capital, puts upward pressure on interest rates and burdens taxpayers with massive payments on the nation's debt.

"The budget deficit is the red thread that runs through many of our economic problems," said Shaber.

Congress and President Reagan, reacting to the panic in financial markets, negotiated a \$76 billion, two-year package of deficit reductions in November.

Analysts were disappointed, however, saying the agreement represented a minimal accomplishment.

Economists who participated in the Institute of International Economics study said the United States, to really solve the problem, must commit itself to deficit reductions of \$40 billion per year for four years.

But little progress is expected in 1988, a presidential election year, when lawmakers are reluctant to raise taxes.

The deficit, which was around \$150 billion in 1987, is expected to rise in 1988, possibly to \$170 billion, Johnson said.

But Johnson, echoing the feelings of many colleagues, said he does not expect a recession in 1988.

World Business Summary

Iran and India to set up 4 joint commissions

NEW DELHI, Dec 21, (Opecna): Iranian Minister of Heavy Industries Behzad Nabavi, who arrived here yesterday, said after talks with Indian officials that four joint commissions should be established by the two countries to expand their existing economic ties. Indian Minister of Industries and Company Affairs Venkata Rao, with whom Nabavi held detailed talks later, said that the Iranian visit could be considered "a turning point" in industrial relations between the two countries, especially in the heavy industries' sector.

A 44-member Iranian delegation consisting of representatives from private and public sector companies has been in India for the last one week. Rao also said that agreements had been reached between the two sides in different industrial branches. He gave no details.

Nabavi, responding to Rao's remarks, said: "Our policy is based on expansion of relations with independent countries of the world, particularly India."

The Iranian minister, while inviting Rao to bring a delegation of experts and industrialists to Tehran, said his visit was aimed at promoting industrial ties, exploring the export and import potential of industrial and technical goods, manpower training, educational exchanges and cooperation in the areas of research and development.

Today, the two sides will hold a series of meetings dealing with education and research, manpower, industrial and engineering cooperation, and industrial exchanges.

Texaco to sell assets to pay for record settlement

NEW YORK, Dec 21, (Reuter): Texaco expects to sell assets to raise the \$3.5 billion needed to settle its lawsuit with Pennzoil and emerge from bankruptcy, chairman Alfred DeCrane has said. "We will have to finance that," DeCrane told Reuters in a telephone interview yesterday. "We expect to be selling some assets." The two companies yesterday signed an accord under which Texaco would pay Pennzoil \$3 billion to settle their \$10.3 billion dispute over Getty Oil Co. Texaco, the third largest oil company in the United States, would have to pay an additional \$2.5 billion to its creditors to bring the company out of bankruptcy.

Lawyers said the pact, believed to be the largest financial settlement in history, came after marathon talks among the parties involved in the four-year-long dispute. Texaco filed for protection under Chapter XI of the US bankruptcy code last April to forestall enforcement of the \$10.3 billion judgment Pennzoil was awarded in 1985.

A Texas Civil Court jury had found that Texaco interfered with an agreement Pennzoil had to buy Getty Oil Co when it swooped in and bought Getty itself for \$10 billion. Texaco filed for bankruptcy after a court ruled it had to post a bond equal to the size of the judgment.

Both companies said they expected tomorrow to file the settlement plan in bankruptcy court, where it is subject to approval by the court and Texaco's shareholders.

"This removes the uncertainties of the past," DeCrane said of the accord. "Now we can look forward to the things Texaco can really do as one of the great companies in the industry." "While under the cloud of bankruptcy we could not do what others (in the oil industry) were doing," he said. The company expects to undertake a wide-ranging financial restructuring, including the sale of assets and redemption of high-priced debt, after it leaves bankruptcy, DeCrane said.

But DeCrane said the company had not yet decided whether to reinstate its quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share that was cancelled when it filed for bankruptcy-law protection.

US must do more to shore up dollar, says Kohl

BONN, West Germany, Dec 21, (AP): The United States should do more to help boost the falling dollar, Chancellor Helmut Kohl said in an interview published today. Kohl again urged US legislators to reduce the huge American budget deficit, saying that was the only way the dollar would be able to win back "international trust." "Our American friends must take greater responsibility for the dollar," Kohl was quoted as saying in an interview with the conservative *Die Welt* newspaper.

The chancellor also rejected predictions that industrialised nations were headed for a recession, as some economists have warned.

"I have not yet found anyone who believes such fears are justified," the chancellor said. The Greenback fell in slow early-morning trading to 1.62 marks, down from Friday's 1.63 mark level. West German officials have repeatedly called on the United States to trim its budget deficit to improve long-term economic prospects and help boost the value of the dollar.

Agricultural firm turns in good performance

HAIL, Saudi Arabia, Dec 21, (Opecna): Prince Meqrin Bin Abdul Aziz, governor of Hail province, said here on Monday that about 16,500 hectares had been cultivated during the 1986-87 season to grow 123,000 tons of wheat and barley.

He told a meeting of the board of directors of the Hail Agricultural Development Company, that the company had planted 3,200 date palms of different varieties within two months.

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Jordan's financial market hits trading value record

AMMAN, Dec 21, (Reuter): Jordan's stock exchange, insulated from shocks in world financial markets, has hit an all-time high in the value of shares traded, officials said today.

The value so far this year edged past the 1983 record of 141.43 million dinars (\$425 million) to 141.49 million on Sunday, said Ibrahim Bilbeissi, the Amman financial market's assistant manager.

"We are very glad we did it. Government procedures helped, so did the Central Bank," Bilbeissi told Reuters.

Brisk

Business has been brisk as the year-end approaches, with up to 400 investors a day crowding the trading floor in a pyramid-shaped office block in the elegant Salmi district.

General Manager Hasbem Sabbagh said the exchange was sheltered from chilly winds blowing through world equities markets but would not be immune from any global recession.

"Five years later it had 126 listed companies and 27 brokers. But by then Jordan's boom decade, fuelled by money pouring back

passed by the House 207 to 178 and sent to the Senate, where it was approved by voice vote. Reagan signed it late last night, presidential spokesman Mark Weisberg said.

Confidence

Without the emergency spending bill hundreds of thousands of government workers would be sent home today, locking the doors behind them. The extended budget talks had left the government technically out of business beginning on Saturday, although weekend effects were minimal.

The House held its first Sunday session since 1982, and the Senate since 1983.

Leaders in both chambers expressed confidence that final action would come today on the two major fiscal bills — a \$600-

billion spending bill and a tax and entitlement measure that combined would meet Congress' commitment to reduce the US budget deficit by at least \$30.2 billion.

Passage of the two bills would allow Congress to adjourn for a month-long holiday recess.

Senate majority leader Robert C. Byrd, a Democrat who along with other congressional leaders met with White House Chief of Staff Howard Baker, Treasury Secretary James A. Baker III and National Security Adviser Colin Powell, said he expected Reagan to sign them.

The legislative Logjam Lingered, three months past the beginning of fiscal 1988 was near an end with the weekend compromise on the Contra aid issue.

Although Contra aid was just a step to chaos.

Antonio de Padua Rocha Diniz, president of the Brazilian Federation of Bank Associations, said Bresser Pereira was "just a victim of the political disarray reigning in the country."

Bresser Pereira attributed his resignation to lack of political support.

"To fight the problems of this country you have to maintain a firm stand, and this is impossible with a weak government," he said yesterday speaking with reporters in Sao Paulo.

Chaos

Gilmar Carneiro, director of the Central Workers Union, a leftist group that claims to represent some 17 million of Brazil's 54 million workers, said

Bresser's resignation "is another step to chaos."

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1987

LONDON
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	CLOSE	OPEN	BUCKLETS	172/0	173/0	HIGGS+HIL	266/0	267/0	RATNERS	247/0	246/0	NAME	OPEN	CLOSE
ABBEY LFE	233/0	192/0	192/0	ALI	110/0	110/0	BUHLER HP	144/0	145/0	HILL SAW	801/0	805/0	GENL MOTOR	62/2	62/3
ALD LTDNS	347/0	265/4	265/4	BURGESS	196/0	195/0	U-CPU COM	88/0	87/0	U-HOBSON	51/0	51/0	GENL SIGNAL	44/0	44/2
AMSTRAD	112/0	112/0	112/0	CALEDONIA	313/0	315/0	CAE INST	52/0	53/0	HOGEN GARD	145/0	145/0	GENCORP	64/6	64/0
ARTILL GP	195/0	195/0	195/0	CAMB ELEC	198/0	198/0	A.B. ELECT	318/0	318/0	HOGG TST	188/0	190/0	GENRAD INC	10/3	10/2
ASDA MFI	167/0	167/0	167/0	CARADON	238/0	237/0	U-HDLG	303/0	304/0	ICE, FZ, FD	300/0	300/0	REED GRP	338/0	335/0
A B FOODS	305/0	298/0	298/0	CARLESS C	91/0	94/0	ACATOS+HT	430/0	430/0	ICL INTL	348/0	345/0	REFUGE GR	398/0	400/0
BAA PP	97/0	97/0	97/0	CARLTON C	663/0	660/0	ADISON G	97/0	98/0	CATER ALL	338/0	335/0	REED GRP	183/0	180/0
BTR	280/0	280/0	280/0	ADWEST GP	268/0	268/0	ADWEST	270/0	270/0	ICHCAPE	616/0	613/0	REFUGE GR	183/0	180/0
BAT INDS	454/0	454/0	454/0	AIFL SA	138/0	140/0	AIFL	270/0	270/0	ICL INTL	404/0	417/0	ROED CUT	69/0	70/0
BARCLATS	442/0	442/0	442/0	ALBROKE	345/0	345/0	ALBROKE	270/0	270/0	ICL INTL	51/0	51/0	ROED CUT	69/0	70/0
BASS	820/0	820/0	820/0	LAND SECS	482/0	482/0	LAND SECS	397/0	397/0	ICL INTL	51/0	51/0	ROED CUT	69/0	70/0
BEAZER	170/0	170/0	170/0	LAPORTE	397/0	397/0	LAPORTE	270/0	270/0	ICL INTL	51/0	51/0	ROED CUT	69/0	70/0
BECHS	467/0	467/0	467/0	LEAD CO	117/0	117/0	LEAD CO	270/0	270/0	ICL INTL	51/0	51/0	ROED CUT	69/0	70/0
BET ORO	229/0	229/0	229/0	LEAD CO	117/0	117/0	LEAD CO	270/0	270/0	ICL INTL	51/0	51/0	ROED CUT	69/0	70/0
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COATS VIY	292/0	292/0	292/0	LEAD CO	117/0	117/0	LEAD CO	270/0	270/0	ICL INTL	51/0	51/0	ROED CUT	69/0	70/0
COMM UNI	365/0	365/0	365/0	LEAD CO	117/0	117/0	LEAD CO	270/0	270/0	ICL INTL	51/0	51/0	ROED CUT	69/0	70/0
CONS GOLD	920/0	920/0	920/0	LEAD CO	117/0	117/0	LEAD CO	270/0	270/0	ICL INTL	51/0	51/0	ROED CUT	69/0	70/0
COOKSONS	530/0	530/0	530/0	LEAD CO	117/0	117/0	LEAD CO	270/0	270/0	ICL INTL	51/0	51/0	ROED CUT	69/0	70/0
COURTAULD	358/0	358/0	358/0	LEAD CO	117/0	117/0	LEAD CO	270/0	270/0	ICL INTL	51/0	51/0	ROED CUT	69/0	70/0
DALGETT	304/0	304/0	304/0	LEAD CO	117/0	117/0	LEAD CO	270/0	270/0	ICL INTL	51/0	51/0	ROED CUT	69/0	70/0
DEE CP	222/0	222/0	222/0	LEAD CO	117/0	117/0	LEAD CO	270/0	270/0	ICL INTL	51/0	51/0	ROED CUT	69/0	70/0
DIXONS	211/0	211/0	211/0	LEAD CO	117/0	117/0	LEAD CO	270/0	270/0	ICL INTL	51/0	51/0	ROED CUT	69/0	70/0
ENG CHINA	388/0	388/0	388/0	LEAD CO	117/0	117/0	LEAD CO	270/0	270/0	ICL INTL	51/0	51/0	ROED CUT	69/0	70/0
ENTER OIL	255/0	255/0	255/0	LEAD CO	117/0	117/0	LEAD CO	270/0	270/0	ICL INTL	51/0	51/0	ROED CUT	69/0	70/0
FERRANTI	84/0	84/0	84/0	LEAD CO	117/0	117/0	LEAD CO	270/0	270/0	ICL INTL	51/0	51/0	ROED CUT	69/0	70/0
FISONS	253/0	253/0	253/0	LEAD CO	117/0	117/0	LEAD CO	270/0	270/0	ICL INTL	51/0	51/0	ROED CUT	69/0	70/0
GEN ACCID	858/0	858/0	858/0	LEAD CO	117/0	117/0	LEAD CO	270/0	270/0	ICL INTL	51/0	51/0	ROED CUT	69/0	70/0
GEN ELEC	163/0	163/0	163/0	LEAD CO	117/0	117/0	LEAD CO	270/0	270/0	ICL INTL	51/0	51/0	ROED CUT	69/0	70/0
GLAXO	008/4	008/4	008/4	LEAD											

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

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ARAB TIMES, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1987

International Bond Highlights

London—The Union Bank of Finland is issuing a five billion Yen Eurobond due January 21, 1993 paying 5 1/4 pct and priced at 101.65 pct, lead manager IBI International Ltd said.

London—Mitsui Finance Ltd said it is offering, via a special purpose corporation, a 195.4 mn Australian dlr bond due March 16, 1997 with a coupon of seven pct and redemption payable in US dollars.

Zurich—Bayernische Vereinsbank Overseas Finance NV is launching a 100 mn Swiss Franc 4 3/4 pct 10 year bond priced at 100-3/8 pct, lead manager Wirtschafts-UND Privatbank said.

Interest Rates

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CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 8-3/8 1/8	8-11/16 9/16	9 8-7/8
FFT 3.20/25	3.80/85	3.70/80
PAR 7-3/4 13/16	8 8-1/8	8-1/2 S/8
ZUR 7/8 1-1/8	3-5/8 3-7/8	3-1/2 3-3/4
BRX 4.30	6-3/4 13/16	6-3/4 7/8
RON 10-1/8 10-5/8	11-1/4 11-3/4	11-1/4 11-3/4
AMS 6-9/16 4-11/16	4-9/16 4-11/16	4-11/16 4-3/4
TOK 3.8125 8750	4.0000 0625	3.8750 9375
ECU 6.18 6.43	7.12 7.25	7.12 7.25

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait, yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	3-5/16	3-7/8
3 months	4-1/2	5-1/16
6 months	5-1/4	5-3/4
1 year	5-7/16	6

BOMBAY

PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GNFC	29.75	29.50	30.50	MODI KALI	5	6	6	
ACC	160	160	GSFC	87	87	88	KAROCHINT	—	—	—	
AMHADAO	—	—	GUOPETRO	24	22.50	25	PREMIAUTO	24.50	25.50	25	
AMHRA CEM	8.85	11	11.50	96	97	96	RAYMOND CO	—	—	—	
AMHRA VLY	—	—	HINDALCO	111	114	115	RAYMONDOL	87	87	88	
BAJAJ AUTO	4350	4350	4325	HYD LAMPS	—	—	RELIANCE	107	115	108	
BAR RAYON	145	142.50	147.50	IND ORG	23	23.50	24	SPIC	28	28.50	
BON DYING	91.75	93.50	92	INDRAYON	S2	53	53.50	STYL NILLS	195	195	200
BONRAY STOCK PRICES	—	—	INDRA	182.50	185	187.50	STOMEDICAL	—	13	13	
BSE INDEX	407.92	407.92	ITC	39	39	40	STEELTUBE	—	—	—	
CENTURYSPI	645	650	652.50	ITC CO	—	—	TATA PWR	198.50	195	196.25	
COLGATE	193	195.50	194	JK 120	—	—	TATACHEM	66	67	66	
DEEPAKERT	31.50	31	31.50	JKSYNTH	58.50	60.50	61.50	TATADOL	84	84	81
DHARCEMENT	—	—	L AND T	76.50	79.50	80	TELCO	360	370	377	
FICOM ORG	79.50	78	79	MAHINDRA	S4	54	S3.50	UDAIOPHOS	—	—	—
GAROPOLY	—	—	—	VOLTAS	305	300	305	YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.01	1.04	—

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE	NITSUB CP	0	1030
AEG	212.0	211.0	AIJI HOMOTD	3330	3200
ALLIANZ VR	1202.0	1190.0	AKAI ELEC	450	426
BADENMERK	184.0	183.0	AKOI	980	985
BASF	261.4	256.6	ASAHI GAS	1770	1760
BAYER	271.3	267.0	ASAHI OPT	558	558
BAYER HYP	321.0	317.5	BANK TOKYO	1350	1360
BAYER VER.	320.0	319.0	BRIDGESTON	1250	1220
BBC	285.5	286.5	CANON	953	961
BHF	323.0	323.0	CASID COMP	1140	1130
CHEMIE-VER	0	120.0	CHUGAI MNG	0	1490
COMMERZBK	226.5	222.5	CITIZEN W	496	496
CONTI GUMM	229.1	225.0	D-ICHI KAN	2850	2920
DAIMER BEN	615.0	603.0	DAI NIP IK	760	755
DEUTSC BNK	413.5	408.5	DAI NIP PT	2340	2300
DLV	310.0	300.0	DAI NIP SC	835	800
DRESDNER	236.5	233.0	DAIWA NPO	4455	4452
DT GABOSKE	160.59	161.59	DAIWA S	3-3	3745.2
FAZINDEX	439.10	439.00	DAIWA SH	3790.4	3647
GOLD SCHMID	232.0	234.8	DAIWA SEC	1860	1930
GUTEHOFF	0	0	EBRA MFG	783	789
HARSPNER	360.0	359.0	EISAI	2100	2100
HOECHST AG	260.5	256.8	FUJITSU	1230	1190
HOESCH	97.0	95.2	FUJI BANK	3110	3110
HORTEN	163.0	156.0	FUJI PHOTO	4050	3950
HUSSEL NLD	452.0	450.0	FUJISAWA	1910	1910
KALI SAL2	125.0	125.0	FUJITA CP	705	699
KARSTADT	447.0	442.0	HITACHI	1240	1200
KAUFHOF	417.5	417.0	HONDA MOT	1340	1300
KLOCK H	81.0	79.0	ISETAN	1330	1330
KLOCK W	—	—	ITD YOKADO	0	3720
LINDE	532.0	518.0	JAP SYN RU	0	900
LUFTHANSA	129.6	125.5	JAPAN AIR	0	13800
MAN	143.0	137.0	JAPAN MET	0	431
MANNESMAN	112.5	113.8	KAJIMA	0	1560
MERCEDES	482.0	492.5	KANSAI EL	2860	2860
METALLGES	238.0	239.0	KAKO SOAP	0	1850
HIXDORF	570.0	562.0	KAWASAKI H	0	255
NORSK HYD	34.80	34.00	KIRIN BREW	0	2110
PHILIP KOM	616.0	616.5	KONATSU	0	635
PORSCH	420.0	410.0	KUBATO LTD	0	549
PREUSSAG	120.2	120.0	KYOCERA	0	5150
PWA	185.0	179.5	MAKITA EL	0	1660
RHEIN	219.8	219.0	MARU	0	2820
RHEIN P	207.0	207.0	MATSUTA EI	0	2120
RHEINMETAL	240.0	241.0	MATSUTA EL	0	2080
SALAMANDER	265.5	266.0	MEIJI SEIK	0	954
SCHERING	369.0	363.0	—	—	—
SEL	289.5	286.5	—	—	—
SIEMENS	378.1	373.5	—	—	—
THYSSSEN	110.0	108.2	—	—	—
VARTA	250.0	251.0	—	—	—
WEBA	276.0	274.0	—	—	—
VEN	162.5	162.5	—	—	—
VOLKSWAGEN	234.0	227.5	—	—	—

Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE HIGHER BUT OFF EARLIER PEAKS

TOKYO, DEC. 21—SHARE PRICES CLOSED HIGHER BUT CONCERN OVER THE DOLLAR COUPLED WITH RELUCTANCE TO ACT AHEAD OF THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS ABOARD PULLED THEM OFF PEAKS, BROKERS SAID.

"THE MARKET IS WAITING TO HEAR NEWS ABOUT A G-S OR G-7 MEETING, AND WHEN IT WILL BE," SAID AKIO ISHIDA, DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER OF YASUDA TRUST FUND.

THE NIKKEI AVERAGE GAINED 129.87 POINTS, OR 0.57 PCT, TO 22,956.84, AFTER HITTING A MORNING HIGH OF 23,056.82. THE INDEX FELL 72.86 POINTS ON FRIDAY.

ADVANCES LED DECLINES FIVE TO THREE IN, TURNOVER OF 500 MLN SHARES AGAINST 550 MLN ON FRIDAY.

THE SLIGHT DECLINE OF THE DOLLAR DURING THE DAY ENCOURAGED INVESTORS, ISHIDA SAID. THE MARKET IS ALSO AWAITING CONCRETE NEWS CONCERNING THE U.S. BUDGET DEFICIT CUTTING PACKAGE, HE ADDED.

A HOLIDAY FACTOR HAS WORKED ITSELF INTO THE MARKET AS WELL, SOME BROKERS SAID.

"WE'RE IN A HOLIDAY MARKET," A BARING SECURITIES ANALYST IN TOKYO SAID.

"THERE'S AN END OF YEAR SORTING OUT OF BOOKS, WITH SHAREHOLDERS WHO WANT TO CLEAN UP BOOKS, SO THERE'S NO SERIOUS ACTIVITY," HE SAID.

INVESTORS ARE UNWILLING TO MAKE MAJOR MOVES AHEAD OF THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS ABOARD, BROKERS SAID.

COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRICAL, RETAIL, TRUCKING, PULP/PAPER, SERVICE, INSURANCE, AUTO AND SOME MANUFACTURING SHARES LED THE ADVANCE.

HIPON TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE (NTT) SHARE PRICES GAINED 110,000 YEN TO 2,330 MLN. INVESTORS SPECULATED THAT NTT HAD BOTTOMED OUT AND BOUGHT ON THAT INCENTIVE, BROKERS SAID.

EXPORT-RELATED SHARES FIRMED ON THE LESS VOLATILE DOLLAR AND ON EXPORT COMPANIES' PROMISING ABILITY TO ADJUST TO AN APPRECIATING YEN, BROKERS SAID.

Nomura Securities

WEEKLY FORECAST WEEK OF DEC. 14 - 18

LAST WEEK SAW REVERSAL OF NY AND TOKYO MARKET SLIDE WITH DOW UP 136 PTS. IN THREE DAYS—DESPITE WORRIES CAUSED BY DROPPING DLR. POOR TRADE FIGURES, RISING INT. RATES, ETC. GOOD NEWS WAS FOUND IN INF PACT AND BUDGET DEFICIT CUT PROCEEDINGS, SIGNALING POSITIVE SHIFT IN MKT FOCUS. TOKYO MARKET MOOD HAS BRIGHTENED AS TRANSACTION LEVELS INCREASE--558.3 BIL. Y, UP FROM 343.5 BIL. Y TWO WKS AGO--AND NET SELLING BY FOREIGNERS CROSSES--DOWN 57.1 BIL. Y FROM OCTOBER. LAST WEEKS POSITIVE TREND WILL CONTINUE THIS WEEK AS ENERGY AND CONFIDENCE GRADUALLY RETURN TO THE MARKET.

AMMAN

Kuwait dinar deposit rates at '87 lows

HEAVY liquidity kept one-month Kuwaiti dinar interbank deposit rates at 1987 record lows yesterday, with activity in the fixed period nearly dead as banks wind down their operations at the end of the year.

In over-night funds, dealers reported a sudden jump when four or five banks that found themselves short entered the market. The banks had to purchase the funds from the Central Bank at around six percent compared to rates of two per cent on Sunday.

Liquid

The market continued extremely liquid as salary payments flood in at the end of the month and no new Treasury bills or bonds are introduced to pick up the slack.

Banks are bracing themselves for the maturing of treasury bills on December 23 when even more funds will enter the market.

The high liquidity kept one-month at its low for the year of four, 3-1/2 per cent. But three months rose to 5-1/4, 4-3/4 per cent from five, four per cent on Sunday, and six months firmed 1/8 point to 5-3/4, 1/4 per cent. One year was unchanged at six, 5-1/2 per cent.

Tomorrow next rose 1/2 point to three, two per cent and spot-next were quoted at 2-1/2, 1-1/2 percent.

The Central Bank exchange rate firmed to 0.2726/302 dinars to the dollar from 0.2730/842 on Sunday. The spot riyal firmed to 0.2730/10.

Meanwhile, Saudi riyal interbank deposit rates firmed in a moderately active market yesterday as liquidity tightened and banks began swapping funds in dollars to take advantage of high US interest rates over the year-end.

Dealers said some banks were short on overnight money, pushing rates up to about four per cent from levels as low as 1-1/2 or two recently, while spot-next also firmed to 3-1/2, three per cent from early quotes of three, 2-1/2.

Contract

The demand for short-dated funds also pushed up longer maturities by 1/8 to 1/4 point, but one month riyal rates are still nearly four points below like-dated Eurodollars.

One month riyals rose to 4-3/8, 1/8 per cent from Sunday quotes of 4-1/8, 3-7/8, while three months were 1/8 point firmer at 5-3/8, 3/8 percent. Six months were also marked by some banks 1/8 point higher at 6-9/16, 7-1/16 percent.

Dealers said a move by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (Sama) to relax conditions for repurchase agreements based on bankers security deposit accounts from January 1 is likely to make the instrument more popular with banks. This in turn could lead to liquidity being drained from the system.

The spot riyal eased to 3.7500/04 in the dollar from 3.7498/7501 on Sunday.

UK coins to shrink

LONDON, Dec 21, (AP): Britain's five- and 10-pence coins will be replaced by smaller, lighter coins in the early 1990s. Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson said yesterday.

The new five-pence coin will resemble the old six-pence and the 10-pence coin will be similar to the existing five-pence.

Lawson, the treasury's top official, also said in a written statement to the House of Commons that one-pound bills will cease to be legal tender after March 11. One-pound notes have been phased out gradually since the pound coin was introduced in 1983.

The Royal Mint made four proposals in July to redesign Britain's heavy coins. Lawson said more than 30,000 replies were received and most favoured lighter, smaller coins.

Interests

"Comments were invited from the general public and from those with special interests such as the blind and elderly, those who handle large amounts of coins, and the manufacturers and users of coin-operated machines," Lawson said.

There are two billion five-pence coins and 1.5 billion 10-pence pieces in circulation.

The British coin system is based on the pound, now worth \$1.83 which is divided into 100 pence. Coins come in denominations of one pence, two pence, five pence, 10 pence, 20 pence, 50 pence and one pound.

The five-pence coin now is seven-eighths of an inch in diameter (2 cm) and the bulky 10-pence coin is one and one-eighth inch (2.7 cm) in diameter.

Dollar firmer and gold dips

LONDON, Dec 21. (Agencies): The US dollar firmed against most major foreign currencies in thin European trading today, but fell slightly against the French franc and British pound. Gold prices dipped.

Foreign currency dealers said business was dwindling in anticipation of the Christmas holidays.

"Our boys are playing cards or staring into the air," said one dealer at a bank in Frankfurt.

The dollar closed in Tokyo at 126.65 Japanese yen, up from Friday's 126.45. In later London trading today, the dollar was quoted at 126.93 yen.

The dollar was down marginally against the British pound. It cost \$1.8275 to buy one pound, more expensive than \$1.8260 late Friday.

Talk that the Group of Seven would soon make a statement to reassure financial markets gave some support to a listless dollar today, dealers reported.

Shares ended firmer in Tokyo and advanced strongly in early London business, reacting to gains on Wall Street last week.

"The G-7 statement isn't going to tell us anything new," said a currency dealer in London with a US bank.

Resolve

But the market was being cautious about taking the dollar down. Also dealers reported some demand for the currency to settle year-end accounts.

"All in all, the currency market is still sceptical but for the

moment it is happy to wait and see what sort of budget savings Congress can come up with and what the Group of Seven can say on the dollar," said a currency dealer in Frankfurt.

Various government sources gave the impression that the G-7 would issue a statement pledging to cooperate on policies to prevent the financial crash of 87 proving the herald of a slump.

No G-7 statement is expected until Congress ratifies a spending package that includes measures to cut this year's US budget deficit to around \$150 billion from a projected 180 billion. Congress hoped to do this later Friday.

An actual G-7 meeting seems more likely to have to wait until the new year.

Currency markets meanwhile doubted whether the seven — the United States, Japan, West Germany, France, Britain, Italy and Canada — would publicly commit themselves to preventing a further fall in the value of the dollar.

Reserve

They did that in their February 22 Paris agreement — the "Louvre Accord." But the market, worried about America's huge budget and trade deficits, still sold dollars. And central banks could not afford to buy enough of them to stop the currency's value sliding again.

Dealers in Asia and Europe questioned the present resolve of the United States to prop up the

dollar. A weaker dollar helps correct the trade deficit — defending it might entail raising interest rates, and costlier borrowing might tilt the US economy into recession in an election year.

Analysts looking for evidence of differences on this between the United States and its allies were pointing to a comment by West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

"In any case, our American friends should take more responsibility for the dollar, which continues to be the world's most important currency," Kohl told Die Welt newspaper.

But market talk about imminent G-7 action had helped the dollar rebound on Friday. That, in turn, gave Wall Street the confidence to extend a rally in US stocks.

The US blue-chip barometer, the Dow Jones industrial index, ended on Friday at 1,975.30 points for a record weekly gain of 108.26.

Gain

This week began with Asian stocks tracking Wall Street up.

Tokyo's key Nikkei share index gained 129.87 points, or 0.57 per cent to end at 22,956.84.

Sydney's market index rose 10.5 points to 1,250.7 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index shot up 100 to end at 2,280, according to preliminary figures.

Tokyo brokers said their market was buoyed by Wall Street's gain and by the relative stability of the dollar.

London shares took the cue,

and the Financial Times Stock Exchange index of 100 leading shares was up 30 points by 1130 GMT at 1,747. But dealers saw little buying by big institutions and said early mark-ups may be hit later as investors take profits.

Higher

West German stocks were higher in light trade. "The pattern is set until the year's end, with volume low and small upward movements to make the books look better," a Frankfurt dealer said.

French shares firmed in what a Paris dealer called "a kind of moderate confidence." Stocks rose in Madrid, Amsterdam, and Zurich.

Gold bullion was fixed in the London market today at \$479.50 an ounce after closing on Friday at \$480.15. Oil prices eased with North Sea Brent for February loading traded at \$15.08.

Traders still doubt if the Opec can curb members' overproduction.

Meanwhile, the Turkish lira, depreciating faster since the election victory of Prime Minister Turgut Ozal last month, sank to 1,000 to the dollar today.

The Central Bank set a rate of 1000.45/1005.45 for tomorrow, compared with 995.30/1000.83 set on Friday for today.

The lira, whose rate is set daily by the Central Bank, was marked at 964.75/969.57 on December 1, compared with 850.30/856.66 on June 30 and 755.90/759.68 last December 31.

Contract

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Gulf Air also transferred all its interior refurbishing of its aircraft to Gamco and work on this will be carried out between January and March 88.

Ownership

Gamco is jointly owned by the Abu Dhabi government and Gulf Air, with 60 per cent ownership by the Abu Dhabi government and 40 per cent by Gulf Air. It was officially opened on September 28, 1987.

Meanwhile the Gulf Air has introduced a new employee appraisal scheme in the company aimed at improving employees' job performance.

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Hameed Salman, the acting vice-president of the personnel administration, said the new system of appraisal will enable the company to assess the suitability of each employee in his or her job and provide all assistance in upgrading their job skills to the highest level of professionalism.

He said Gulf Air has decided to introduce the new scheme, which was developed in-house, due to a higher level of awareness of the importance of employee motivation in light of economic conditions.

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This came following new agreement with Philippine Airlines.

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The management appraisal will apply to employees in management positions, ranging from assistant managers up, including vice-presidents, and the primary purpose is to enable the managers to find the best ways to help staff in their respective departments to improve work productivity.

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Gulf Air, Gamco sign maintenance contract

GULF Air and Gulf Aircraft Maintenance Company (Gamco) have officially signed a contract for the maintenance of Gulf Air fleet by Gamco.

The contract was officially signed by Ali Ibrahim Al Malki, president and chief executive of Gulf Air, and Ali Bin Khalifa Al Dhaif, chairman of Gamco, in Abu Dhabi recently.

The contract, which calls for Gamco to carry out all maintenance work on Gulf Air's fleet of aircraft, will be carried out in three stages.

The first stage will cover "C" checks on TriStars and work has already started in this project since November 12 and up to date four of Gulf Air's TriStars have completed the "C" checks.

Gulf Air will gradually transfer all such maintenance work to Gamco, depending on the availability of technical expertise at Gamco. The transfer will be carried out within the next three

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UAE approves deficit budget

ABU DHABI, Dec 21. (IAP): The United Arab Emirates cabinet today approved a long-delayed budget for 1987, with a Dh3.35-billion deficit.

The Dh14.4-billion (\$3.9-billion) budget was up 2.8 per cent or Dh401 million (\$108 million) over 1986 expenditures of Dh14.02 billion (\$3.79 billion), the official emirates news agency Wam reported.

The fiscal year in the UAE is Jan 1 to Dec 31.

The budget has yet to be approved by the UAE Supreme Council, the highest authority in the state, comprising rulers of seven emirates who grouped in 1971 to form the UAE federation.

The seven emirates are the leading Abu Dhabi, then Dubai,

for the final balance in 1986 to determine actual expenditure and revenues.

The UAE, like other oil-exporting nations, has been suffering budget deficits since the price of oil began dropping five years ago. Delays in issuing the budget are not new to the UAE, with the one for 1986 adopted only in October of that year.

The figures for

Season's Greetings

AN ARAB TIMES SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT

ONE DOLLAR and eighty-seven cents. That was all. And sixty cents of it was in pennies. Pennies saved one and two at a time by bulldozing the grocer and the vegetable man and the butcher until one's cheeks burned with the silent imputation of parsimony that such close dealing implied. Three times Della counted it. One dollar and eighty-seven cents. And the next day would be Christmas.

There was clearly nothing to do but flop down on the shabby little couch and howl. So Della did it. Which instigates the moral reflection that life is made up of sobs, sniffles, and smiles, with sniffles predominating.

While the mistress of the home is gradually sub-siding from the first stage to the second, take a look at the home. A furnished flat at \$8 per week. It did not exactly beggar description, but it certainly had that word on the lookout for the mendicancy squad.

In the vestibule below was a letter-box into which no letter would go, and an electric button from which no mortal finger could coax a ring. Also appertaining there unto was a card bearing the name "Mr. James Dillingham Young."

The "Dillingham" had been flung to the breeze during a former period of prosperity when its possessor was being paid \$30 per week. Now, when the income was shrunk to \$20, the letters of "Dillingham" looked blurred, as though they were thinking seriously of contracting to a modest and unassuming D. But whenever Mr. James Dillingham Young came home and reached his flat above he was called "Jim" and greatly hugged by Mrs. James Dillingham Young, already introduced to you as Della. Which is all very good.

Della finished her cry and attended to her cheeks with the powder rag. She stood by the window and looked out dully at a gray cat walking a gray fence in a gray backyard. Tomorrow would be Christmas Day, and she had only \$1.87 with which to buy Jim a present. She had been saving every penny she could for months, with this result. Twenty dollars a week doesn't go far. Expenses had been greater than she had calculated. They always are. Only \$1.87 to buy a present for Jim. Her Jim. Many a happy hour she had spent planning for something nice for him. Something fine and rare and sterling — something just a little bit near to being worthy of the honour of being owned by Jim.

There was a pier-glass between the windows of the room. Perhaps you have seen a pier-glass in an \$8 flat. A very thin and very agile person may, by observing his reflection in a rapid sequence of longitudinal strips, obtain a fairly accurate conception of his looks. Della, being slender had mastered the art.

Suddenly, she whirled from the window and stood before the glass. Her eyes were shining brilliantly, but her face had lost its colour within twenty seconds. Rapidly she pulled down her hair and let it fall to its full length.

Now, there were two possessions of the James Dillingham Youngs in which they both took a mighty pride. One was Jim's gold watch that had been his father's and his grandfather's. The other was Della's hair. Had the Queen of Sheba lived in the flat across the airshaft, Della would have let her hair hang out the window some day to dry just to deprecate Her Majesty's jewels and gifts. Had King Solomon been the janitor, with all his treasure piled up the basement, Jim would have pulled out his watch every time he passed, just to see him pluck at his beard from envy.

So now Della's beautiful hair fell about her rippling and shining like a cascade of brown waters. It reached below her knee and made itself almost a garment for her. And then she did it up again nervously and quickly. Once she faltered for a minute and stood still while a tear or two splashed on the worn red carpet.

On went her old brown jacket; on went her old brown hat. With a whirl of skirts and with the brilliant sparkle still in her eyes, she fluttered out the door and down the stairs to the street.

Where she stopped the sign read: "Mine, Sofronie. Hair Goods of All Kinds." One flight up Della ran, and collected herself, panting. Madame, large, too white, chilly, hardly looked the "Sofronie."

"While you buy my hair?" asked Della.

"I buy hair," said Madame.

The Gift of the Magi

In the realm of fiction, perhaps no other story illustrates the spirit of gift-giving than O'Henry's The Gift of the Magi. As a special treat, Arab Times gives you the opportunity to enjoy this classic literary gem.



"Take yer hat off and let's have a sight at the looks of it."

Down rippled the brown cascade.

"Twenty dollars," said Madame, lifting the mass with a practised hand.

"Give it to me quick," said Della.

Oh, and the next two hours tripped by on rosy wings. Forget the hashed metaphor. She was ransacking the stores for Jim's present.

She found it at last. It surely had been made for Jim and no one else. There was no other like it in any of the stores, and she had turned all of them inside out. It was a platinum fob chain simple and classic in design, properly proclaiming its value by substance alone and not by meretricious ornamentation — as all good things should do. It was even worthy of The Watch. A soon as she saw it, she knew that it must be Jim's. It was like him. Quietness and value — the description applied to both. Twenty-one dollars they took from her for it, and she buried bone with the 87 cents. With that chain on his watch Jim might be properly anxious about the time in any company. Grand as the watch was, he sometimes looked at it on the sly on account of the old leather strap that he used in place of a chain.

When Della reached home her intoxication gave way a little to prudence and reason. She got out her curling irons and lighted the gas and went to work repairing the ravages made by generosity added to love. Which is always a tremendous task, dear friends — a mammoth task.

Within forty minutes her head was covered with tiny, close-lying curls that made her look wonderfully like a taunt schoolboy. She looked at her reflection in the mirror long, carefully, and critically.

"If Jim doesn't kill me," she said to herself, "before he takes



a second look at me, be'll say I look like a Coney Island chorus girl. But what could I do — oh! what could I do with a dollar and eighty-seven cents?"

At 7 o'clock the coffee was made and the frying-pan was on the back of the stove hot and ready to cook the chops.

Jim was never late. Della doubled the fob chain in her hand and sat on the corner of the table near the door that he always entered. Then she heard his step on the stair away down the first flight, and she turned white for just a moment.

Della wriggled off the table and went for him.

"Jim, darling," she cried, "don't look at me that way. I had my hair cut off and sold it because I couldn't have lived through Christmas without giving you a present. It'll grow out again — you won't mind, will you? I just had to do it. My hair grows awfully fast. Say 'Merry Christmas' Jim, and let's be happy. You don't know what a nice — what a beautiful, nice gift I've got for you."

"You've cut off your hair?" asked Jim, laboriously, as if he had not arrived at that point.

The door opened and Jim stepped in and closed it. He looked thin and very serious. Poor fellow, he was only twenty-two — and to be burdened with a family! He needed a new overcoat and he was without gloves.

Jim stopped inside the door, as immovable as a setter at the scent of quail. His eyes were fixed upon Della, and there was an expression in them that she could not read, and it terrified her. It was not anger, nor surprise, nor disapproval, nor horror, nor any of the sentiments that she had been prepared for. He simply stared at her fixedly with that peculiar expression on his face.

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fact yet even after the hardest mental labour.

"Cut it off and sold it," said Della. "Don't you like me just as well, anyhow? I'm me without my hair, ain't I?"

Jim looked about the room curiously.

"You say your hair is gone?" he said, with an air almost of idiocy.

"You needn't look for it," said Della. "It's sold, I tell you — sold and gone, too. It's Christmas Eve, boy. Be good to me, for it went for you. Maybe the hairs of my head were numbered," she went on with a sudden serious sweetness, "but nobody could ever count my love. Shall I put the chops on, Jim?"

Out of his trance Jim seemed quickly to wake. He cofolded his Della. For two seconds let us regard with discreet scrutiny some inconsequential object in the other direction. Eight

dollars a week or a million a year — what is the difference? A mathematician or a wit would give you the wrong answer. The magi brought valuable gifts, but that was not among them. This dark assertion will be illuminated later on.

Jim drew a package from his overcoat pocket and threw it upon the table.

"Don't make any mistake, Dell," he said, "about me. I don't think there's anything in the way of a haircut or a shave or a shampoo that could make me like my girl any less. But if you'll unwrap that package you may see why you had me going a while at first."

White fingers and nimble tore at the string and paper. And then an ecstatic scream of joy; and then, alas! a quick feminine change to hysterical tears and wails, necessitating the immediate employment of all the comforting powers of the lord of the flat.

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And then Della leaped up like a little singed cat and cried, "Oh, oh!"

Jim had not yet seen his beautiful present. She held it out to him eagerly upon her open palm. The dull precious metal seemed to flash with a reflection of her bright and ardent spirit.

"Isn't it a dandy, Jim! I hunted all over town to find it. You'll have to look at the time a hundred times a day now. Give me your watch, I want to see how it looks on it."

Instead of obeying, Jim tumbled down on the couch and put his hands under the back of his head and smiled.

"Dell," said he, "let's put our Christmas presents away and keep 'em a while. They're too nice to use just at present. I sold the watch to get the money to

buy your combs. And now suppose you put the chops on."

The magi, as you know, were wise men — wonderfully wise men — who brought gifts to the Babe in the manger. They invented the art of giving Christmas presents. Being wise their gifts were no doubt wise ones, possibly bearing the privilege of exchange in case of duplication.

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MAKING A CHOICE
THERE are fresh, chilled and frozen turkeys available in considerable variety. Check for the sort of price you want to pay in our round-up of the types on offer.

If you have ample freezer space and want a frozen bird, buy in early when there's plenty of stock and less shopping to carry! Get frozen birds home promptly, and into the freezer before they start to defrost at all.

ALL RIGHT FOR SIZE
Calculate the size of turkey you need according to size of your party, allowing for seconds (and possibly thirds and fourths...!). How much leftover meat will you need? Turkey is a relatively inexpensive buy and is delicious in sandwiches, in white sauce with mushrooms, in curry, soup or risotto. Don't buy such a huge turkey that everyone gets tired of 'leftovers' meals, though — cooked turkey does not freeze well except in sauce. In serve for Christmas dinner with 'seconds' and allowing plenty to serve cold in made dishes later, consider turkeys of the sizes in mentioned below.

Weight	To serve
9 lb (4.1 kg)	6
12 lb (5.5 kg)	8
15 lb (6.8 kg)	10

This allows 1-1/2 (675 g) per person.

If you are having a large party for one occasion only, you will not, of course, need so much meat for serving cold, so reduce the size of turkey you buy. If some of your family have very small appetites, or if you have a small oven, buy a smaller bird. Allow around 1-lb per person in each case. For a big party or buffet, a 15-20 lb turkey is expected to give 20-30 servings and a 25-30 lb turkey, 40-50 servings. But do check measurements, so you know the turkey will fit into your oven (and your roasting tin) before you buy it.

THE EARLY BIRD

Allow plenty of time for the turkey to thaw. Our chart is calculated for putting the bird in a cool corner of the kitchen or a larder. Halfway through thawing time, check if giblets can be removed. Take them out as soon as possible.

Remove bird from its carton if it was packed in one, but leave in its sealed poly-wrappings on a large plate to thaw, well out of reach of any pets!

Weight	Hours
6-8 lb (2.7-3.6 kg)	13-18
8-12 lb (3.6-5.5 kg)	18-24
12-16 lb (5.5-7.3 kg)	24-26
16-24 lb (7.3-11 kg)	26-36

RUNNING LATE

When defrosted, the body cavity of the bird should be cool but have no ice crystals; the legs should be flexible.

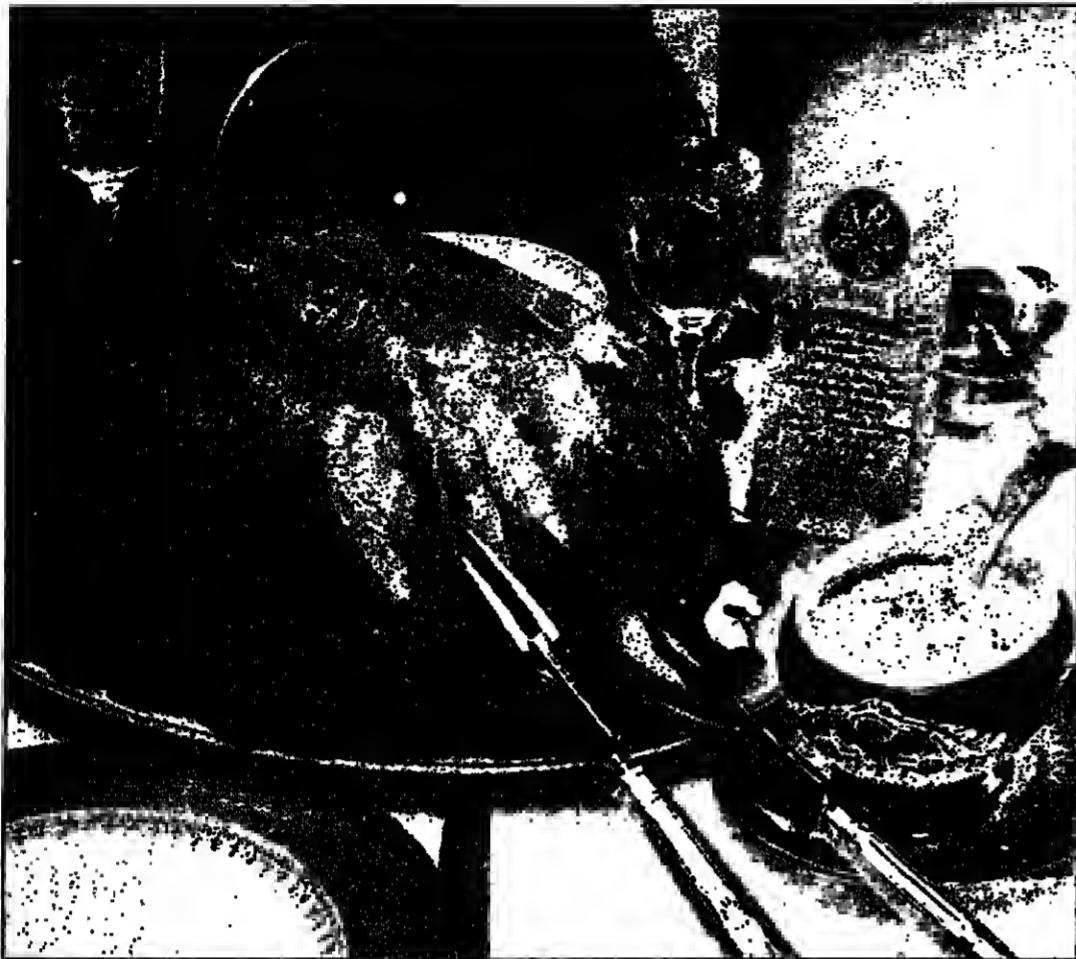
Put a sticky label with message on the freezer, diary, cooker — anywhere you won't miss it — to remind you to get the turkey out to thaw in time.

But, in an emergency only, you can immerse the bird in its wrappings, in a sinkful of cool water.

Change water when it becomes very chilled but don't use warm or hot water. Running cold water through the centre of the bird is the fastest way to defrost it. Or defrost a turkey up to 8 lb in the microwave — in larger ones it will be too close in the oven roof — for 8-9 min per lb or defrost (30%). Only use the microwave to defrost when you are going to cook the turkey immediately afterwards. Cover parts which look as though they might start cooking with small, smooth pieces of foil and take bird out of the microwave if you find hot spots developing.

Let's talk turkey

Cooking the turkey doesn't have to be an ordeal. Problems usually arise when, at the last moment, you realise you've forgotten how long to cook or thaw the bird, or if you've bought one that's big — or too small. Deborah Murdoch takes you through how to buy, store, thaw, cook and carve with complete ease on the big day.



NOT EVERYONE KNOWS...

- that you should allow at least 15-30 minutes extra cooking time if transferring a turkey straight from fridge to oven. Best to cook a room-temperature bird.
- that a turkey exudes a lot of juices during cooking. If you are using a shallow tin, you may need to pour these off each time you inspect the bird. When cold, remove the solidified fat and use juices for gravy.

- that if you're longing to cook a big turkey for splendiferous effect, you can extend the length and width of your roasting tin by placing treched pieces of foil under bird in tin and over edges. But ensure bird does not touch walls or roof of oven.
- that you shouldn't stuff the bird till just before cooking ... that you shouldn't stuff the bird cavity, just the neck ... that you shouldn't part-cook the bird to finish later ... that you shouldn't cook on a very low heat for a long time or overnight ... that you shouldn't thaw your turkey in the fridge as tests show that the cook is impatient and fridges in winter tend to be colder than normal.

TROUBLESHOOTING
what do you do if...
suddenly there are extra guests and the turkey's not large enough?

- Cook extra veg courses (we're encouraged to eat more veg, less meat).
- Make a sausage meat-based stuffing and cork in a loaf tin for slicing.
- Provide lots of trimmings, bacon rolls, chipolata sausages, bread sauce.
- Raid the store cupboard or freezer and make a first-courses soup, zip up with sherry and cream.

What do you do if...
you win a monster turkey at raffle and it won't go in the oven?

Have the warmed serving plate ready, transfer the turkey to it and cover again with foil. Keep in a warm place for at least 15-20 minutes so the meat becomes firm and easier to carve. It surprises some people to know that a large bird will keep hot (in an electric heated tray, or in a warm part of the kitchen) for up to 45 minutes. So you can turn the oven up and brown the roast potatoes if required ... and sit down to enjoy your starter. Ensure you have well-heated plates and that the gravy is really piping hot.

CARVE IT UP
Well beforehand, sharpen carving knife. Give a last few flamboyant strokes at the table. It makes carving easier if you first slice off a leg — both legs if you intend to eat most of the bird, slit skin as necessary, and insert point of knife at point between top of leg (thigh) and body. Sever. Cut leg into drumstick and thigh. Hold tip of drumstick and carve slices from either side of bone. Place thigh flat on a board and cut even slices from it. Put dark meat at one end of the serving dish, cover with foil, and keep warm.

Remove a wing, again finding joint by pulling away from body, inserting knife point and severing. For large turkeys, carve wing meat as neatly as possible; for smaller birds, cut through a socket joint and serve the meat on the bone.

Carve the breast with alternate slices in different directions. Complete second side of turkey in the same way.

EXPERT'S TIP
It makes the turkey much easier to carve if you remove the wishbone before cooking. Ease skin gently back from neck end and insert knife point where wishbone meets wings and sever joints. Hold the freed ends of wishbone and twist to remove. Replace skin and prepare turkey as usual.

All wrapped up

Here are some new ideas for wrapping presents.



ARE you boxed into the red-and-green gift-wrap routine?

Here's how to break out of those bounds, with these unusual, innovative ideas. Your presents are guaranteed to elicit smiles and thanks even before their contents are revealed.

• Tear a page from an oversize but not necessarily glossy magazine — some of the European ones have the most striking images — and use as wrapping paper (see package with woman's face, right). A bonus to this method: One magazine provides hundreds of "sheets" of gift wrap.

• Paint your own paper. The glittering hot-pink-and-green design shown was made by stroking undulating lines of acrylic paint on bond paper, then brushing on liquid glitter

(available at art-supply stores) when paint was dry. Go as geometric or free form as you like.

• For a truly worldly gift, wrap with a map! The example on top has a co-ordinated tag, cut from the scraps, and is knotted — as if it were a crate ready for transcontinental travel — with packing twine.

• Look closely at the black-and-white box — it can be read all over. The paper was fashioned by making an enlarged photocopy of a page from a local phone book. And don't miss the clever gift tag: It's snipped from the Yellow Pages.

• A gift-wrap that's a real stretch of the imagination: cover a box in plain paper or tissue paper, and then add an array of different colour rubber bands. Works best on smaller presents.

Keeping kids happy while you entertain

THROWING a holiday party or just a quiet dinner with close friends can be difficult with children around.

A little planning can free you to spend time with adult guests and keeping young ones from feeling left out. Here's how:

• Consider letting your child open a Christmas present early. Always a good gift choice: a set of interlocking blocks that can be quietly assembled alone.

• In case bedtime battles that occur when a child's nightly routine is changed, give him or her a new, cuddly stuffed animal to take to bed in lieu of a story. Or grant special privileges, such as allowing kids to "camp out" in their bedroom, equipped with flashlight, sleeping bags and a "tent" made by draping a sheet over two chairs.

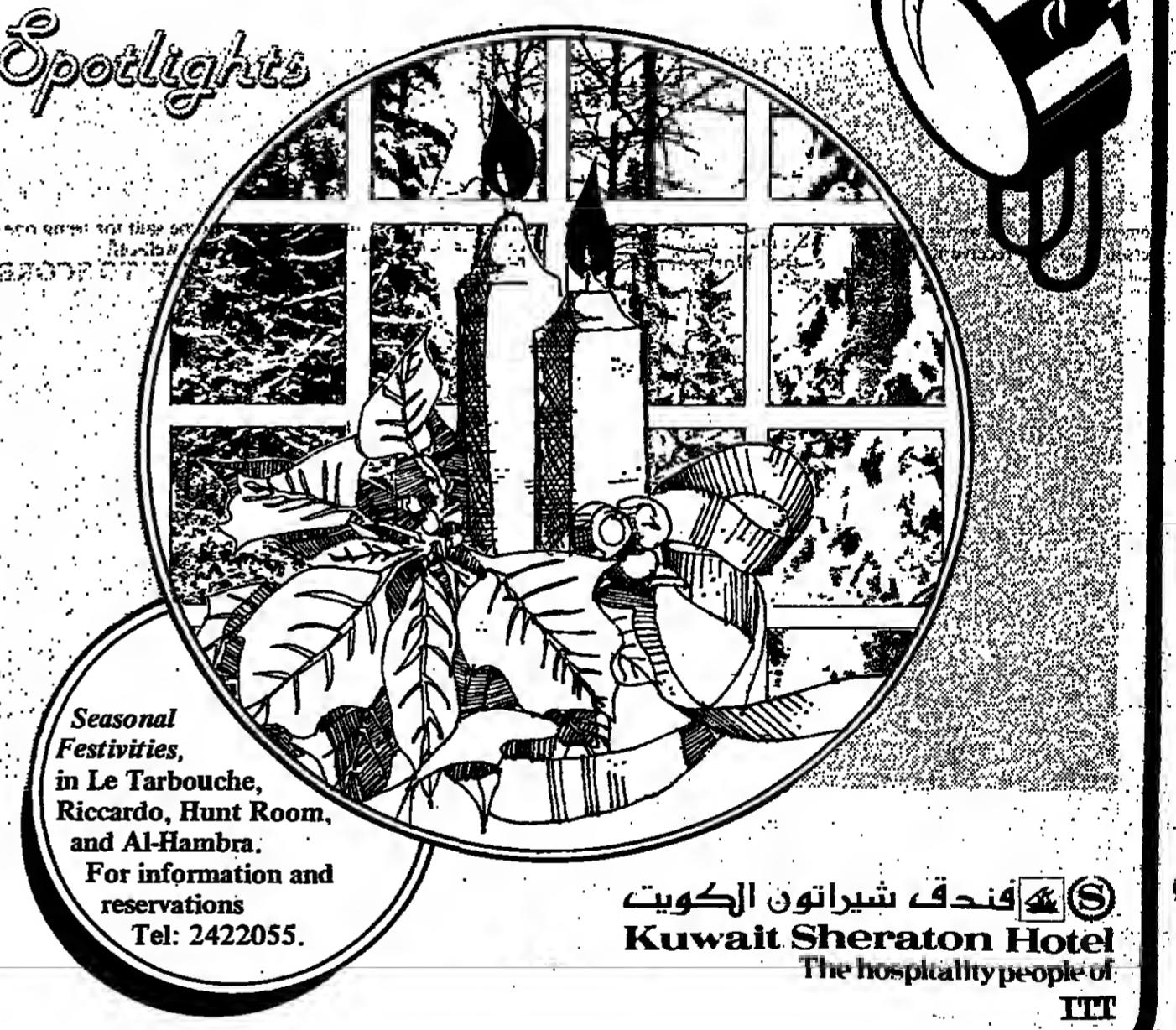
• For a mixed-age group of kids, plan games that everybody can participate in, regardless of skill, such as dominoes, tiddlywinks.

• Kids love to dahlie in glitter and glue, so keep supplies on hand for crafting home-made greeting cards. A sample of what should be included: safety scissors, construction paper, bright markers and holiday stickers.

• Invite a special sleepover guest — your child's best friend or favorite babysitter. Creating a slumber-party atmosphere is one way to entertain a child so you can enjoy the party.

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Etiquette
of giving
gifts to
loved ones

By Toni Cardarella

GIFT-GIVING and Christmas simply go together, but choosing the right gift for the right person, or deciding whether to give a gift at all, can be difficult.

The giving spirit of the holiday season seems to fade a bit in light of obligations and finan- cials, along with the dilemma of giving gifts to those you want to buy for as opposed to those for whom you feel you should buy.

To whom are you obligated at Christmas: your boss, your child's teacher, your cousin? What about your child — should he or she give presents to people other than family members?

Some larger families, because of economics, resort to a name-drawing process at Christmas. Would it be proper to give a present to a family member whose name you didn't draw?

When should you give homemade gifts?

The questions are many, but there is an etiquette of gift-giving at Christmas and other times.

Homemade gifts are most appropriate as Christmas gifts, according to Stuart E. Jacobson, author of "The Art of Giving."

"Homemade gifts are wonderful. A gift of imagination, a gift of creativity, a gift that shows time was put into it, are the most meaningful," Jacobson said in an interview. "The greatest gift of life is time. Anything that's created is a wonderful present."

"Christmas is a spirit. You can always find ways to give gifts without cost. Do something for someone. Give time. Clean someone's home, babysit your sister's kids. There are so many ways to use your mind in terms of giving to someone other than putting a dollar sign by it."

When considering a homemade gift, think about the person who will receive it, he said.

"If you were going to make a sweater for someone, find out what colour they like," said Jacobson.

"The whole essence of giving a gift is to bring pleasure to the person receiving it," he said. "A lot of times, people think this will please me so this will please the other person. That's not necessarily true."

Dan Bryan, author of "The Art And Etiquette of Gift Giving," agrees.

"Christmas is the time to make your own presents," writes Bryan.

"From a loaf of bread to a framed silhouette to a photograph of someone's child or house, this gift is from the heart as well as the hands and brings meaning, friendship, and love to the season."

Homemade gifts are a wonderful idea for children to give as presents, said Jacobson.

"Children can create things because they have a wonderful imagination," he said. "I always think one should ask the child first. Make sure the child realises the gift is coming from them, and that it's a form of appreciation."

Your child should feel free to give a gift to anyone he or she spends a lot of time with, be it a teacher, a babysitter or friend, says Jacobson.

A few caveats are in order for children, Jacobson said. There should be no pressure on children to give at Christmas time, and they should have a hand in choosing to whom they would like to give.

"No monetary value should be placed on what a child should give someone," he said.

There also are few "never gifts," said Bryan.

Never give a pet unless parents agree or adults request, she said.

It's also inappropriate to give something oversize or fragile to someone who will have to travel home by train or plane. You should offer to pay the cost of shipping, she said.

Bryan also said never give personal gifts to people you do not know well or a substantial gift to a business person with whom you are negotiating a deal. Do not give perfume or cologne unless you know the recipient's choice or preference, she said.

Though not supportive of the name-drawing idea at Christmas, Jacobson said it would not be proper to give a present to someone whose name you didn't draw.

"If you're going to accept that method, you've got to play along the rules," he said.

How much do you really know about Christmas

Test your knowledge of those quaint old customs — and the origins of the way it is still celebrated today

By Judy Byrne

Every year millions of people celebrate Christmas with a traditional turkey and tree. But do you know where most of Christmas customs originated?

Test your knowledge with our festive quiz to really get you into the Holiday spirit.

1. The expression 'bean feast' has its origins in a traditional custom of:

a Christmas Day
b Boxing Day
c Twelfth Day

2. The origin of Boxing Day in the UK is:

a big family house parties used to arrange boxing tournaments for the youngsters to let off steam after all the excitement of Christmas

b people putting unwanted presents back into boxes to exchange or store until next year when they could give them to someone else

c Servants are given presents in boxes.

3. The college for Santa Clauses is in:

a Iceland
b Indiana
c Ireland

4. When was the first Christmas card printed:

a 1791
b 1843
c 1882

5. The Christmas wreath originated in:

a Germany
b The United States
c England

6. Kissing under the mistletoe originally came from:

a Britain
b France
c Sweden

7. One of the most famous Christmas trees in the world is the one that stands every year in Trafalgar Square in London. It comes from:

a the English countryside
b the Dutch countryside
c the Norwegian countryside

8. Children in Russia receive their gifts from:

a Father Frost
b Father Comrade
c Father Winter

9. Victorian children in England used to play a game called Snapdragon at Christmas parties. If it had to:

a pick currants out of a bowl of lighted spirits and put them in their mouths

b pick up apples out of a barrel of water with their hands tied behind their backs

c pick flowers out of a vase with their teeth and place them into a second vase

10. Wassail was:

a an appeal for money
b a hint for alcohol
c a no-strings-attached expression of goodwill

11. When Charles Dickens

sued the pirates who published *A Christmas Carol* illegally, he:

a won £700
b lost £700
c neither won or lost.

12. Christmas was once banned in Britain. It was during the time of:

a The Puritans
b The Normans
c The Vikings

13. The first royal broadcast to the British Commonwealth was made by:

a King George V
b King George VI
c Queen Elizabeth II

14. When did Christmas cards become popular:

a from 1830 onwards
b from 1845 onwards
c from 1860 onwards

15. For Christmas dinner at Vosin's in Paris in 1870 they had:

a goose
b turkey
c elephant

ANSWERS

1. (c) Twelfth Day was once a day of feasting second only to Christmas. On it, a special Twelfth Day cake was baked with a bean and pea inside it, and divided up. If a man got the bean he was crowned king until midnight, at the 'bean feast'. If a woman got the pea, she was crowned Queen.

2. (c) Traditionally, the servants had to wait until the day after Christmas to receive gifts and they were given to them in boxes.

3. (b) There is a college in the town of Santa Claus, Indiana, where department store santas are trained and graduate with a B.Sc — Bachelor of Santa Clausing.

4. (b) In 1843, Sir Henry Cole, who inaugurated the Victoria and Albert Museum in London and was its first director, decided to have a special card printed to save the time it took to write Christmas letters to friends.

5. (c) When they had been designed, Cole, who was a friend of Sir Rowland Hill who invented the Penny Post, was so pleased with them that he had 1,000 copies printed and hand-coloured and sold them for £1. each, at an art shop he had set up himself, in the hope of improving the taste of his contemporaries.

6. (b) The temperance lobby tried to have the cards banned because they depicted guests drinking a toast.

7. (c) The first Americans invented the Christmas wreath as a reminder of Christ's crown of thorns made from the Holy or Holly bush.

8. (a) Kissing under the mistletoe has its roots in Druidic ceremonies in pagan Britain.

9. (c) Since the end of the Second World War, the people of Oslo have sent a huge tree as

a gift to the people of London every year.

10. (a) Children in Russia still receive gifts from Father Frost, even though Christmas has officially been abolished there.

11. (b) Surprisingly, the dangerous sounding game was extremely popular in Victorian times.

12. (b) It was a broad hint that a hot ale would go down well, a sort of Anglo-Saxon "Good Health?"

13. (b) Dickens sued when the novel was pirated and published in a twopenny weekly and won the case, but the defendants pleaded bankruptcy and Dickens was landed with the legal bill for £700.

14. (a) It was the Puritans who banned the celebration of Christmas in Britain.

15. (a) The first Royal broadcast to the British Commonwealth was made over the radio by King George V, the grandfather of the present Queen. In 1957, the Queen made the first Christmas broadcast to be televised. It is pre-recorded, but the Queen watches herself when it actually goes out on Christmas Day.

16. (c) Because they were coloured by hand and had to be priced at one shilling each, the first Christmas cards were considered very expensive. They were described as Christmas stationery.

17. (c) It was not until it became possible to print colour on a large scale that the price went down and Christmas cards really arrived. The first recorded use of that term, instead of Christmas Stationery, is in *Punch* in 1868. It appears again in *The Times* in 1917.

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19. (c) Food was scarce in Paris in the Christmas of 1870 because of the Prussian siege. Customers at Vosin's, however, did not go hungry. They had elephant consomme, from the zoo, braised kangaroo, and roast cat garnished with rats from the sewer.

20. (a) Perhaps there was something to be said for being one of the less well-off!

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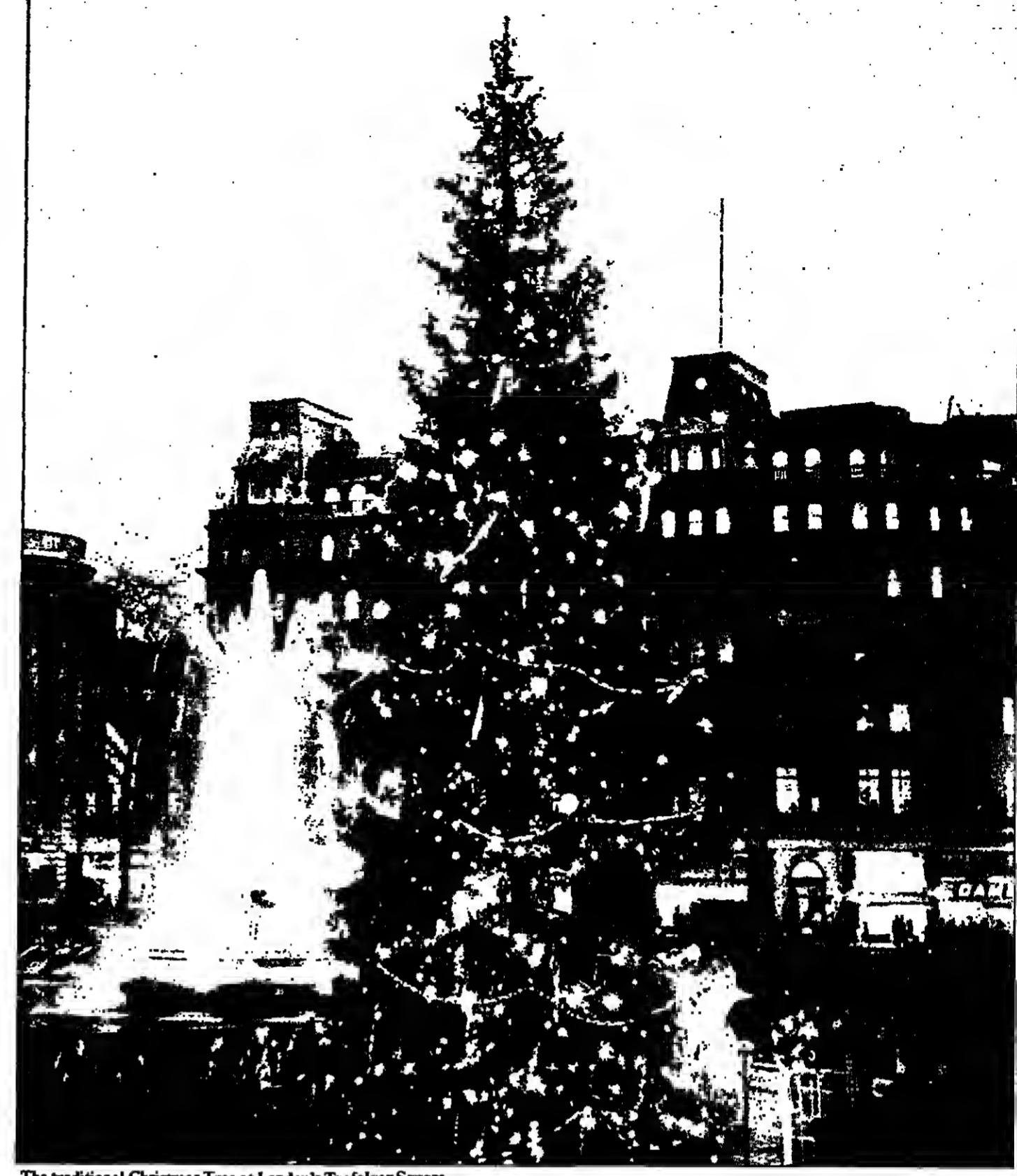
What your score means

0-20 Where have you been all your life? Not pouring over the history books, that's for sure.

25-50 You have obviously read a lot and facts stick in your memory, especially if they interest you. You probably find that knowing the origins of customs makes them more fun for you.

55-75 Well, you are really strong on the historical stuff, aren't you? Are you as good on the living here and now?

If you honestly know the answer is 'no', then take your head out of your books and get out there and have a good time of it this year. You might actually discover there are other things worth learning that do not come out of books.



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THE tables set, the turkey's roasting and guests are due in 15 minutes but you've forgotten to pick up an extravagant bouquet of hibiscus. To the rescue: the following trio of quick centerpieces to assemble from materials on hand.

● Grab a large silvery or cut-glass punch bowl. Steal several gold and silver balls from your tree, and nest them, loop end down, inside. Add any other glittery objects you can find, such as faux pearl necklaces, coils of golden ribbon, tinsel, a dusting of glitter.

● Raid the refrigerator, and go traditional. Nestle amid an array of apples (polished to a burnished glow with a cloth), oranges, lemons, limes and if possible, a pomegranate — it's a traditional symbol of hospitality.

● Borrow potted plants and wrap the pot in a delicate white lace napkin, tied with silken holiday giftwrap tape. Encircle the plant with a ring of small white votive candles or, if you're fortunate enough to have a child who's a collector, with a trove of toy Santas.

The best gift you can give to your children

By Norman Vincent

THE most precious gift you can give your children at Christmas is one that will stand by them for all times, in all places and conditions. The gift is positive thinking.

This is not wishful thinking. Rather it's a tough-minded attitude that doesn't deny life's problems but does put the most optimistic face on them. It considers problems from the something-can-be-done-about-this approach.

Strictly speaking, you can't actually give positive thinking to your children. What you give is encouragement to the potential that children bring into the world with them. For babies are natural-born optimists who know that all they have to do is to yell or coo to get what the need. With upbeat prospects like these, it's no surprise they're entirely positive!

But if babies are reared in an atmosphere of pessimism, they soon absorb this attitude. Within a few years, they emerge as shy, uncertain children. They lack confidence. They don't believe in themselves. They become negative thinkers.

This might happen even in a

home where the parents are not negative. In my own boyhood, despite having optimistic parents, I developed a king-size inferiority complex. First, it was impressed on me from earliest memory how poor we were as a country preacher's family. I forever feared we'd soon be down to our last dollar. In addition, I was terribly skinny and therefore afraid to compete against other boys. These feelings of inadequacy temporarily left me with negative feelings about myself and the world.

Even the most caring parents might not guess at this sort of thing. But by setting a positive tone for their children with words and actions, they can prevent its happening.

For instance, there's a story I've told part of before but want to tell again because it makes this point better than any other experience from my childhood. It happened one Christmas when my brother, Bob, and I were hoping we'd get a bicycle.

Mother made it clear that money was even tighter than usual. But she also told us,

"Boys, when our ship comes in, you'll get your bike." Later, she read us stories about people whose ships had come in, and sent us to bed dreaming about



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cycles on the deck of "our ship."

Christmas morning arrived and we rushed to the tree, where we found... no bike. Overcoming our momentary letdown, Bob and I eagerly opened the few gifts that were there. The Mother said, "Let's go meet the train. Maybe Santa sent something on the B & O." Our hearts jumped.

At the station, we ran to the open door of a baggage car. There — red and beautiful — stood a bicycle. Our ship had come in!

And because Mother never told us that she went without a winter coat to make it happen, her "ship" became an inspiring symbol to us boys. It represented hope. It meant that even if things didn't work out immediately, they eventually would. By carefully combining realism and optimism, Mother had encouraged us toward positive thinking — an attitude that comes easily to children if they have a good sense of self-esteem.

You help your children to feel good about themselves by the encouraging way you respond to their successes and failure. Since they are their main point of reference, they tend to see themselves as they believe you see them. So you have to stop and think about the impact of your words on them — especially in relation to the "four C's" criticising, correcting, crediting, and cultivating.

How do you criticise a child to leave him feeling good — not bad — about himself? You do it constructively. One snowy evening around Christmas, my mother was contacted by the "madam" of a house in the red-light district. The woman said a girl there was very sick and needed a minister. "Could Reverend Peale (my father) visit?" she asked.

Similarly, you can help or hinder your children's self-esteem by your method of correction — how you discipline them. Discipline is good and necessary, but it should never be administered with malice or contempt.

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must also be balanced with the reassurance that even though the child has fouled up, he can put things right next time. This prospect of redemption — is crucial to a child's self-esteem.

So, too, is your crediting or praising of a child's efforts whenever possible. I recently spoke to an assembly of junior-high school children. Afterward one student's mother thanked me because she felt her son had needed a "boost". I asked her whether she ever gave him a "boost". "Do you ever tell him how proud of him you are?" I asked.

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Of course, there are children who lack obvious praiseworthy qualities. They aren't scholars, athletes, or beauties. Yet every youngster has strengths or hidden qualities — and it is the parents' job to find and cultivate them.

I remember a college classmate who was the plainest girl anyone had ever seen. Yet there was an irresistible aura of joy about her, and she became one of the most popular girls on campus despite lacking good looks or an exceptional mind. I think her parents must have seen this natural joy in her and cultivated it.

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Should your children approach life pessimistically, they are bound to have a downbeat effect on their surroundings that draw negative results to them. If, however, they embrace life optimistically radiating an aura of hope, they will influence their surroundings in a way that attracts positive results.

So the greatest gift you can give your children at Christmas is a parental "style" that nurtures the attitudes needed to build and sustain positive thinking. This is truly the gift that will last a lifetime.

See what the month holds for you

Play the numbers game

NUMEROLOGY is a method of determining the cycles of your life by analysing the numbers in your birth date. To calculate your personal number for 1987, use the following method.

Add the day and month of your birth date to 1987.

November 21 is our sample birth date.

Add 21 + 11 (month) to 1987 (year) which equals 2019. Add 2019 together and reduce the number to a single digit: $2+0+1+9=12$. $12+(1+2)=3$ ($3+0=3$). Three is the personal number for 1987 in this example. Work out your own number and see what is in store for you.

By Cheryl Lee Terry

THIS challenging month will give you opportunities to express your feelings and thank the people who have helped you this year. Be generous both spiritually and materially. See old friends you have neglected. You will have mixed feelings over this holiday season. Whether you wanted to or not, you have expanded your horizons this year and made many changes. The reality of what you have gained and lost is beginning to set in — focus on the positive. Go away for the holidays. Celebrate the New Year quietly with someone you love.

2. This tedious "two" year may have seemed like the longest of your life. There were too many lessons in responsibility and personal growth. Your December vibrations give you a break. The urge to travel may be overwhelming — and if the smallest opportunity presents itself — go! Just be sure to return before the holidays. After the 22nd new opportunities will be plentiful. Be aware this is not the time to aggressively seek change. The holidays will be hectic.

Later, Dad told me I should never again put people down as wicked just because of their place in life.

As I grew up, I came to appreciate what a rare gift Dad had given to me on that snowy winter night. He'd taught me to look for the good in people, always. And with his gentle criticism, he had helped me to feel better about myself.

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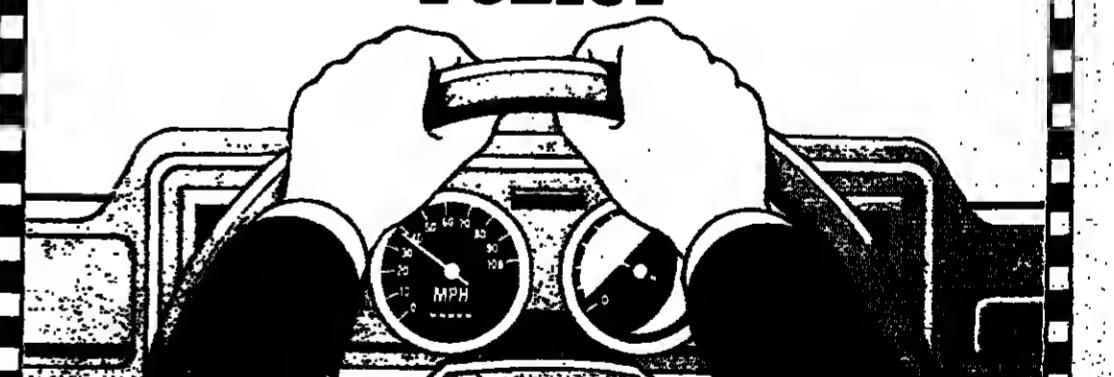
April, now is the time to make each point count. Gain the advantage and in the end you will win the game. There have been too many disagreements in your personal life. Negotiate and compromise! Even if it seems like too much of a hassle — go home for the holidays. There's an old saying that the journey is part of the gift. Surround yourself with loved ones — your "gift" will be appreciated.

7. There are sad moments this month when you realise that old relationships are over or will never be the same again. The past few months, you have exhausted yourself and others with your mood swings and difficult behaviour. Your friends may feel bewildered and surprised by your sudden burst of optimism. Next year, in a positive one, and its vibrations are beginning to affect you. Toward month's end, watch for new opportunities to expand professionally. You run the risk of making a fool of yourself on New Year's Eve, but to ahead — kick up your heels. This has been a heavy year for you, and your friends will be relieved not to have to listen to your philosophies of Nietzsche.

8. There are important decisions you need to make that will change the face of your future, but don't let others pressure you into making them hastily. By the end of the month an opportunity will present itself that may take you around the world or around the corner — either way, be prepared to say yes. There will be stress on all personal relationships. Now is not the time to force any of the emotional issues in your life. This has been an exhausting year and you need to rest. Go home to Mother or, even better, go away to a quiet island in the sun, and welcome the New Year in by sleeping the eve away.

9. This month, if a vacation in Jamaica is out of the question, unplug your phone and spend some time alone on the weekend of the 12th. Don't panic: This is a positive month; it's just time to work on a new plan for the future. Over the holidays you may feel sad and indulge yourself and have a good cry. Many things went out of your life this year; you've changed and many things will never be the same again. You have places to go and people to meet. Welcome the New Year in grand style; 1988 is your year.

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This chocolate-almond torte will make all those dessert snubbers who protest 'not another bite' eat their words. Three layers of airy, almond-flavoured cake are stacked with delicious vanilla-and-chocolate cream filling, then coated with chocolate glaze. Mint-chocolate wafers and chocolate 'coffee beans' embellish the torte. Happy eating!



Ingredients

TORTE LAYERS

6 large eggs, at room temperature
1 cup sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 cup unsifted all-purpose flour
1/2 cup blanched almonds or walnuts, ground
1/3 cup amaretto
PAstry CREAM
2 cups milk
5 large egg yolks
1/2 cup sugar

Dash salt
1/4 cup cornstarch
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 squares (1-oz size) semisweet chocolate, melted
GLAZE
6 tablespoons (3/4 stick) unsalted butter
6 squares (1-oz size) semisweet chocolate
20 chocolate "coffee beans" (optional)
10 chocolate-mint wafers (optional)

The ultimate chocolate cake



1. Make torte layers: Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease and flour three 8-inch round cake pans. In large bowl of electric mixer, beat eggs until foamy and light yellow. Gradually add sugar, beating till it dissolves and mixture forms ribbons when dropped from beater; add vanilla.



3. Make pastry cream: In medium-size, heavy saucepan, scald milk. In bowl, whisk yolks, sugar and salt until thick; stir in cornstarch; gradually whisk in hot milk. Pour mixture into saucepan. Bring to boiling, stirring; boil 1 minute. Remove from heat; stir in butter and vanilla.



5. Repeat with second layer, but begin with plain cream; top with remaining layer, bottom side up. Combine the leftover cream from pastry bags; chill cream and cake. With knife, trim side of torte to make even; use leftover cream mixture to fill gaps in side of torte.



2. Sift flour over egg mixture, one third at a time, folding until blended; fold in nuts. Pour into pans. Bake 15 to 20 minutes, or until layers are golden and cake springs back when lightly touched. Remove from pans. Cool layers, top side up, on racks; drizzle with amaretto.



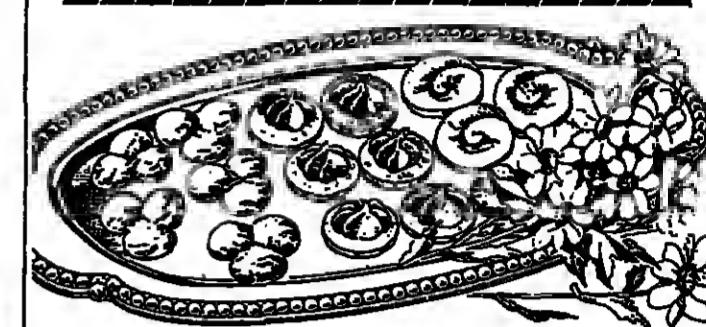
4. Divide pastry cream in half, stir chocolate into one half. Cover both; chill. Place creams in separate pastry bags with medium (3/8-inch) round tips. With one torte layer on rack, beginning with chocolate cream, pipe alternating circles from outer edge to centre.



6. Make glaze: Melt butter with chocolate; stir until smooth; cool slightly. Place torte on rack on jelly-roll pan; pour glaze on top; with spatula spread evenly to cover torte; chill until glaze just sets. With pancake turners, lift torte to plate. Garnish with candies. Serves 10.

Party appetizers

Quick, easy do-ahead recipes for crisp, cheddar clusters, spiced zucchini canapes and tangy blue-cheese roll-ups



CHEESE CRISPS

1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup butter or margarine (1 stick), softened

1/2 teaspoon caraway seeds

3/4 pound sharp Cheddar cheese, shredded (3 cups)

About 1-1/2 hours before serving or up to 3 days ahead:

1. Preheat oven to 425°F. In large bowl, with hand, knead all ingredients until blended.

2. Shape dough into 1/2-inch balls. On ungreased cookie sheet, place 3 balls in a cluster. With fingers, flatten cluster to 1/4-inch thickness. Repeat with remaining balls, placing clusters about 2 inches apart. Bake 10 to 12 minutes until lightly browned. With pancake turner, remove cheese crisps to wire racks; cool. Store in tightly covered container to use within 3 days. Make about 60 crisps. About 45 calories each.

ZUCCHINI ROUNDS

1 10-ounce package extra sharp Cheddar cheese, shredded (2-1/2 cups)

1/4 cup mayonnaise

1 teaspoon Worcestershire

3 medium zucchini (about 1-1/2 pounds)

1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper

About 2-1/2 hours before serving or day ahead:

1. In blender at medium speed or in food processor with knife blade attached, blend first 3 ingredients until smooth. Cover; refrigerate at least 2 hours or until firm.

About 15 minutes before serving:

2. Cut zucchini crosswise into 1/4-inch-thick slices. Spoon cheese mixture into decorating bag with small rosette tube. Pipe some mixture on each zucchini slice. Sprinkle with ground red pepper. Makes about 48 hors d'oeuvres. About 35 calories each.

BLUE-CHEESE PINWHEELS

1/4 pound blue cheese, at room temperature

1/2 cup minced parsley

4 tablespoons butter or margarine (1/2 stick), softened

6 slices soft white bread

About 1 hour before serving or day ahead:

1. In small bowl, mix blue cheese, 1/4 cup minced parsley, and 2 tablespoons butter or margarine until well blended.

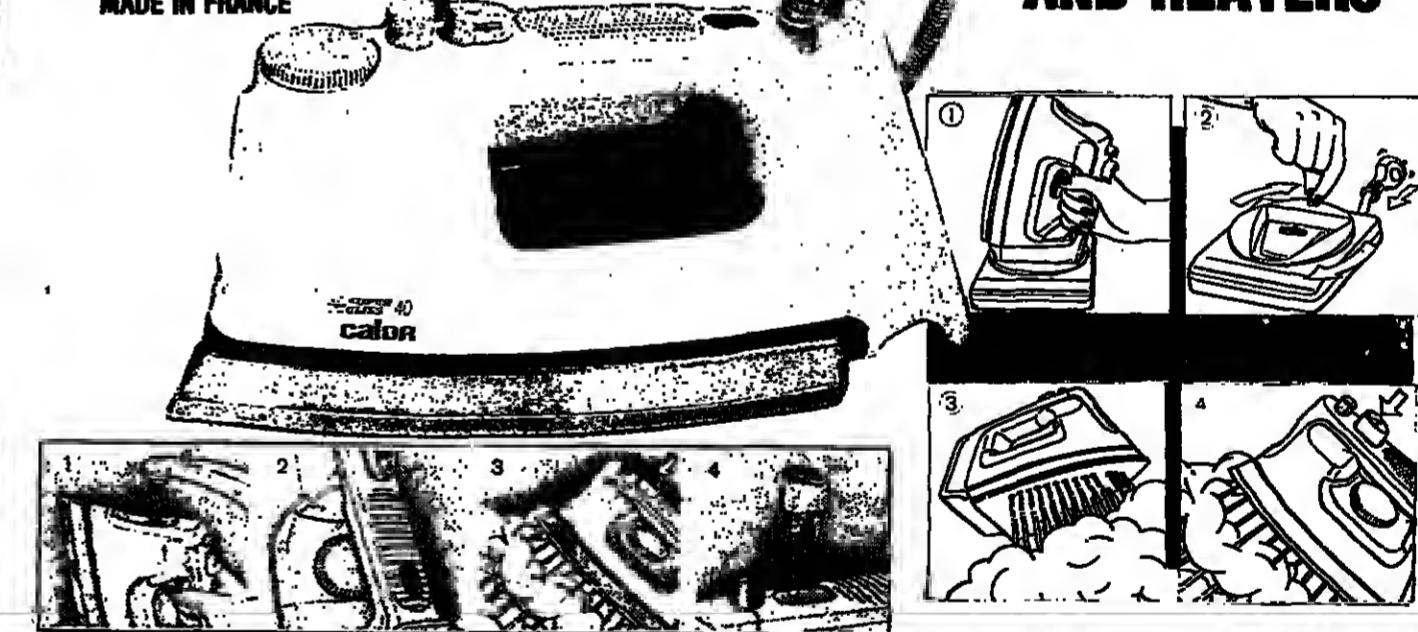
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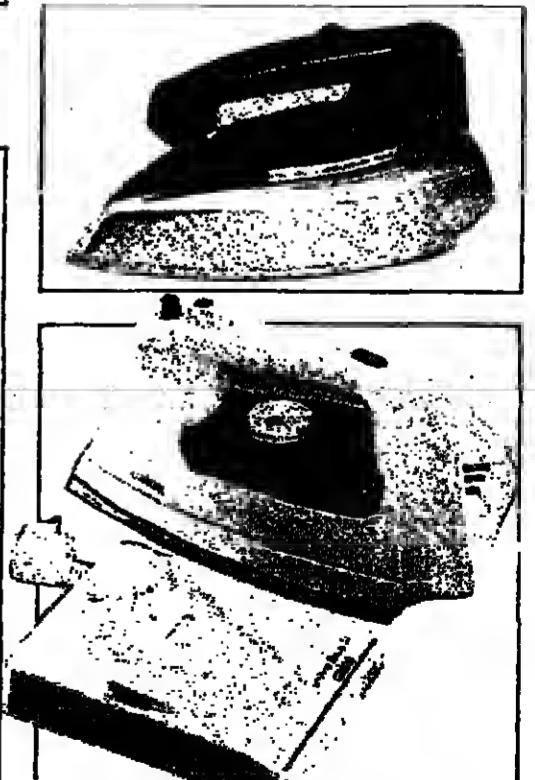
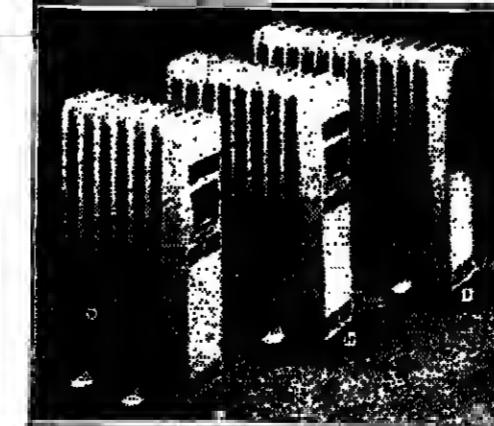
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Swedish dynasty may survive another decade

GOTHENBURG, Sweden, Dec. 21. (Reuter): Barring the unforeseen, the Swedish tennis dynasty founded by Bjorn Borg in the 1970s will survive 1980 and beyond.

For while the Borg-inspired Davis Cup win of 1975 was due almost entirely to one 18-year-old's prodigious talent, Sweden's fourth victory, which they completed against India yesterday, was a team triumph.

But it is the relative youthfulness of the Swedish squad which must spread dependency throughout world tennis.

Grand

Mats Wilander, who won his two singles for the loss of just 10 games in five sets, is 23, as is his doubles partner Joakim Nyström, leaving Anders Jarryd as the grand old man of Swedish tennis at 26.

World number two Stefan Edberg, who missed the 5-0 rout of India through injury, will not be 22 until next month and the Swedes have a total of 10 players aged 26 or under in the world's top 40.

Though Ken Rosewall and Lew Hoad were starring for Australia at a younger age, no nation has enjoyed such remarkably young strength in depth and Swedish Davis Cup captain Hasse Olsson was probably guilty of Scandinavian reserve when he looked to the future.

"I can certainly see as far as the next five years when Wilander, Edberg and Kent Carlsson will still be young men," said Olsson, who has led Sweden to three Davis Cups in five successive finals.

"But I'm hesitant to look beyond then. Of course, we have a lot of young talent which could emerge, but so have Czechoslovakia or the United States say."

It is a remarkable statistic that Sweden used seven different players in the 1987 Davis Cup competition — the triumphant final quartet plus Carlson, Michael Perers and Jan Gunnarsson.

In 1988, Ulf Stenlund (20), Jonas Svensson (21) and Peter Lundgren (22) will also be challenging for places on the squad.

"Not unnaturally, as in any large group of young athletes, tensions do arise and Wilander, Olsson's on-court lieutenant, paid tribute to the captain when he admitted: "He's the one who makes sure we all remain friends."

But while Edberg publicly backed Olsson's decision not to risk him because of a sprained ankle, words were exchanged in private and the double Australian Open champion was far from happy with his role as spectator.

Earlier

Edberg, however, had been the hero of the semifinal victory over Spain in Barcelona and Wilander was at pains to include him in the celebrations.

"The Davis Cup wasn't just about beating India, we'd played three tough earlier matches against Italy, France and Spain so it wasn't just those who actually played who deserve credit," said Wilander, who has won two French and two Australian Open titles.

Though the present crop of Swedes looks good for another 10 years at the top should they decide to remain in tennis that long, there are genuine fears Sweden's reign may not last until the year 2000.

"I think the Wilander-Edberg generation may be the end," said Bjorn Hellberg, Sweden's best known tennis commentator and a man who beat a computer recently in a test of sports knowledge.

"Our organisation means we should always produce a quantity of talent, but I'm not sure about the quality."

Hyderabad move into Lions final

HYDERABAD: Cricket Club (HCC) stormed into the finals of the Lions Cricket Tournament with a crushing 268-run victory over Love Manda at the Yarouk ground on Friday.

In the process of achieving this victory, HCC set up a record of being the only team to cross the 300-run mark in a 30-over match at the Yarouk ground.

Quick

Batting first, HCC opened their innings through Masood and Jerry who scored 55 runs in the first six overs. Jerry with 30 was the first batsman to go back to the pavilion, lbw to Stanley. Rodney and Masood then took HCC past the 100 mark in the 12th over. Masood, looking set for a big score, was bowled by Ashraf for 64. He hit 10 fours in his innings. James scored a quick 26 with the help of a six and three fours before he was out.

Asraf joined Rodney and

BRONCOS CLINCH PLAYOFF SPOT

Colts and Dolphins tied for lead

NEW YORK, Dec 21, (AP): The Indianapolis Colts moved closer to their first playoff spot even though they didn't play.

The Colts clinched their first winning season in a decade with a 20-7 victory over San Diego and are tied with Miami for the AFC East lead at 8-6 heading into the final week of the season.

Miami, which kept its playoff hopes alive with a 23-21 victory over Washington last night, can only win the division if they beat New England next Monday night and the Colts lose to the Bucs. If the Dolphins and Colts both win, Miami will gain a wild card if Pittsburgh, Houston and San Diego lose their final games.

Miami's victory over Washington knocked out the Buffalo Bills, who lost 13-7 to New England. The Patriots are still in the running for a playoff slot.

The other team in the division, the New York Jets, was eliminated from the playoff race with a 38-27 loss to Philadelphia.

In the AFC West, Denver clinched at least a wild-card spot when Pittsburgh and San Diego lost yesterday.

Seattle, which beat Chicago 34-21, can clinch a wild-card berth with a victory over Kansas City next week.

Cleveland moved into first place in the AFC Central with a 24-17, win over the Los Angeles Raiders. Houston beat Pittsburgh 24-16, but both remain in contention.

The playoff picture is much clearer in the NFC, where New Orleans, San Francisco, Chicago



Lomax: threw touchdown passes for Cardinals

and Washington have already clinched post season spots. The remaining playoff berth is up for grabs between Minnesota, St Louis and the Los Angeles Rams.

The Vikings, who improved to 8-6 with a 17-14 victory over Detroit, would get wild card spot by beating the Redskins next week.

For the Cardinals to make the

playoffs, the Rams and Vikings would have to lose and St Louis would have to win its final game against Dallas. The Rams must win their final two games.

In other NFL games yesterday, New Orleans down Cincinnati 41-24. San Francisco defeated Atlanta 35-7, and St Louis beat Tampa Bay 31-14. On Saturday, the New York Giants beat Green Bay 20-10 and Denver downed Kansas City 20-17.

Seahawks 34, Bears 21

Rookie Brian Bosworth recovered two fumbles and nearly returned one of them for a touchdown as the Seahawks spoiled Walter Payton's final regular-season game at Soldier Field. Payton ran 17 times for 79 yards and two touchdowns.

Eagles 38, Jets 27

Randal Cunningham threw three touchdown passes against the Jets' injury-ravaged secondary. Mike Quick caught two of the scoring tosses.

Vikings 17, Lions 14

Minnesota's Wade Wilson passed for one touchdown and ran for another as the Vikings snapped a two-game losing streak. The Vikings picked off three Detroit passes, but none of the turnovers led to scores.

Patriots 13, Bills 7

New England limited Buffalo to 152 yards and snapped Jim Kelly's 18-game streak of throwing at least one touchdown pass.

New England scored on a 7-yard pass from Steve Grogan to Cedric Jones and added another TD on Reggie Dupard's 36-yard

run in the second period.

Saints 41, Bengals 24

Buford Jordan's two touchdown runs capped a 38-point rally that carried the Saints to their eighth consecutive win.

Oilers 24, Steelers 16

Warren Moon threw two touchdown passes to Drew Hill and safety Jeff Donaldson intercepted two Mark Malone passes in the fourth quarter to spark the Oilers.

Browns 24, Raiders 17

Bernie Kosar passed for 294 yards and two touchdowns as Cleveland moved into first place in the AFC Central. The Raiders played without rookie sensation Bo Jackson, who sprained his right ankle a week ago.

49ers 36, Falcons 7

San Francisco's Jerry Rice set two NFL receiving records and scored three touchdowns for the fourth time in the last five games.

Cards 20, Chargers 7

Jack Trudeau threw a touchdown pass while the Colts defence had five quarterback sacks and three interceptions. Eric Dickerson had 115 yards on 23 carries for a season total of 1,092.

Cardinals 31, Bucs 14

Neil Lomax threw touchdown passes and Stump Mitchell rushed for 101 yards and another TD to lead the Cardinals. The victory was the fourth in the last five games for St Louis, 7-7.

Dolphins 23, Redskins 21

Dan Marino's 6-yard touchdown pass to Mark Duper with 1:07 left gave Miami the victory. It was Marino's third TD toss of the night to Duper.



Worthy (right): scored 19 points for Lakers

Celtics rout 76ers

NEW YORK, Dec 21, (AP): The Boston Celtics, who have struggled lately, are not quite ready to relinquish control of the NBA's Atlantic Division.

They emphatically made that point last night with a 124-87 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers, who would have taken a percentage-point lead in the division with a victory at Boston Garden. The Celtics, who are 8-8 since starting the season 6-0, have won the division four consecutive seasons.

A late flurry by the 76ers after they trailed 116-67 did not prevent them from suffering their worst regular-season defeat ever against the Celtics. The 37-point defeat surpassed the previous biggest margin of 34 on Nov. 29, 1963.

In other NBA games, it was Cleveland 127, Indiana 116; Portland 148, San Antonio 126; Phoenix 120, Sacramento 109, and the Los Angeles Lakers 102, Seattle 94.

Charles Barkley scored 18 points and had just two rebounds while playing just 25 minutes for Philadelphia.

"It was a good win for them, but I doubt they are jumping around," Barkley said. "What am I going to do, kill myself? It's just one game."

Maxwell pulls out of Watford deal

LONDON, Dec 21, (Reuter): Publishing tycoon Robert Maxwell called off his controversial takeover of English First Division soccer club Watford yesterday.

Real, whose family

already own Division One clubs Derby and Oxford, said he would leave soccer altogether if his fellow league chairman enforced what he described as a tougher "one man one club" rule.

Atletico

sorely missed Futre's

scoring skills after Sevilla went ahead 10 minutes before the interval when striker Ramon Vazquez dribbled around Atletico defender Pedro Tomas and fired home.

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SPORTS

PAKISTAN WIN SERIES MARRED BY DISPUTES

England salvaged draw in third Test

KARACHI, Dec. 21. (Reuters): Vice-captain John Emburey defied Pakistan with an unbeaten 74 as England salvaged a draw today in the third and final cricket Test against Pakistan.

The series, won 1-0 by Pakistan, will be remembered more for its disputes and acrimony than its cricket and neither side showed any inclination to continue the match here longer than they had to, rival captains Javed Miandad and Mike Gatting agreeing to call it off at tea and dispense with the final 20 overs.

At this point England were 258 for nine in their second innings, a lead of 199, with Emburey one run short of his highest Test score having batted for more than five and a half hours.

Safety

England's prospects of saving the match had looked slim when they lost their eighth wicket at 187 before lunch but then Emburey, who made 70 in the first innings and Nick Cook put on 59 for the ninth wicket to take the visitors within sight of safety.

After Cook became wrist-spinner Abdul Qadir's 30th victim of the series, last-man Graham Dilley hung around for half an hour before tea without scoring and by the interval any chance of a result had disappeared.

England were 150 for five when play resumed with Graham Gooch 79 and Emburey nine.

Gooch fell in the second new ball bowled by Mudassar Nazar for 93 made in six and a quarter



England vice-captain Emburey (receives) his Man of the Series award from Mujahid Baloch, a Pakistani provincial minister, at the end of the third Test. (Reuters radiophoto)

hours, and Bruce French and Phillip DeFreitas were lbw victims before Emburey and Cook combined to thwart the Pakistanis.

Since winning their first series in Pakistan in 1961-62 under Ted Dexter, England have not won a single Test in this country in five years.

In the most serious of a day's play

They lost the first Test of the current series in Lahore by an innings and 87 runs and then drew the second in Faisalabad and the third here, although by the end the cricket had become almost incidental, overshadowed by incidents involving the England team and the umpires.

On the decision to end the

was lost in the second Test after Gatting and umpire Shakoor Rana had a heated on-field argument.

Gatting said the official had accused him of unfair play while Shakoor said the England captain had used bad language during the argument and refused to continue until he was given a written apology.

Gatting submitted one, after being told to do by the English authorities in London, a directive that so incensed the England team that they issued a statement deplored the pressure put on their captain to step down in the dispute. Gatting himself suggested he might not lead England into the third Test here and was mollified only after two English officials flew to Karachi.

The incidents began in the first Test when England felt a number of umpiring decisions by Shakil Khan were unfair. After one of these openers Chris Broad had to be persuaded to leave by his partner Graham Gooch after being given out caught at the wicket.

He was officially reprimanded by the England manager for his show of dissent.

The third Test, which at one time seemed likely to be umpired by Indian officials, was played in a better atmosphere but there were further incidents on the fourth day when Gatting complained about a decision to disallow a catch by wicketkeeper Bruce French and Broad, Bill Athey and Gatting all left reluctantly after being given out.

On the decision to end the

match at tea, England coach Mickey Stewart said: "Javed Miandad came to us and said he would be happy if the match were called off. He had a word with the umpires as well."

Stewart said the umpires then talked to Gatting and it was agreed there was no point carrying on.

A crowd of about 6,000 — more than on any other day of the match — watched Pakistan's unsuccessful efforts to bowl England out.

Qadir, who finished with match figures of 10 for 186, was named Man of the Match and Pakistan's Man of the Series. Emburey was made England's Man of the Series.

Scoreboard

ENGLAND first innings 294 (D. Capel 98, J. Emburey 70, Qadir five for 88). PAKISTAN first innings 353 (Asim Malik 98 not out, Salim Malik 55, Rameez Raja 50, P. DeFreitas five for 86).

ENGLAND second innings (overnight 150 for five) G. Gooch b Mudassar 93 C. Broad lbw b Qadir 13 W. Athey c Asif Ali b Jaffer 12 M. Gatting lbw b Jaffer 6 N. Fairbrother c sub b Qadir 1 D. Capel c Qasim b Qadir 24 J. Emburey not out 74 B. French lbw b Jaffer 6 P. DeFreitas lbw b Qadir 6 N. Cook c Qadir 14 G. Dilley not out 0 Extras (b-9 lb-5 nb-6 w-1) 21 Total (for nine wickets) 258 Fall of wickets: 1-54 2-34 3-54 4-61 5-115 6-175 7-176 8-187 9-246 Bowlers: Jaffer 42-9-79-3, Asim Malik 2-6-7-0, Qadir 35-16-98-5, Qasim 27-10-44-0, Salim Malik 7-2 14-0, Mudassar 4-3-2-1.

Miandad quits as captain

KARACHI, Pakistan, Dec. 21. (AP): Javed Miandad resigned as Pakistan's cricket captain today after leading Pakistan to victory in a three-Test series against England.

Talking to reporters after the last Test ended today, Miandad said he wanted to give more time to his batting.

"Captaincy is a full-time job and is affecting my batting," he said.

Miandad was appointed Pakistan cricket captain last month when Imran Khan retired from Test cricket.

Against England, Pakistan won one Test and drew two.



Miandad: resigns

SPORTS BRIEFS

Tour bonus

LONDON, Dec. 21. (Reuters): England's cricketers in Pakistan will each receive a £1,000 (\$1,800) bonus when they return home tomorrow. Alan Smith, the English Test and County Cricket Board (ETCB) chief executive, denied the bonus was the price of quelling a revolt among the players who were highly critical of the board's action following the umpiring row in Faisalabad two weeks ago.

Evans apologises

CARDIFF, Dec. 21. (Reuters): Welsh soccer manager Mike England has been given an apology by Welsh Football Association (WFA) secretary Alun Evans for calling him "a clot."

Yachting series

SYDNEY, Dec. 21. (Reuters): An apology from organisers of the Southern Cross Cup yachting series stopped an unprecedented walkout by the incensed American team.

Team golf

MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica, Dec. 21. (Reuters): Americans Nancy Lopez and Miller Barber set a tournament record total of 22-under-par 191 yesterday and captured the \$85,000 Sandy Bay Championship team golf tournament.

Maguila wins

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 21. (Reuters): South American champion Adilson "Maguila" Rodrigues beat veteran Uruguayan horn Spaniard Alfredo Evangelista by unanimous decision in a non-title 10-round heavyweight boxing match yesterday.

PSV triumph

THE HAGUE, Dec. 21. (Reuters): Dutch Soccer League champions PSV Eindhoven extended their 100 per cent winning record to 17 matches yesterday when they easily beat Den Bosch 2-0 away, despite an injury to key striker Wim Kieft.

O'Neill out

LONDON, Dec. 21. (Reuters): John O'Neill, who ruptured knee ligaments in his debut for English First Division club Norwich on Saturday, may be forced to quit soccer.

Fatima Whitbread

LONDON, Dec. 21. (AP): World women's javelin champion Fatima Whitbread today called for the setting up of a disciplinary committee to fine or suspend British athletes and officials who bring the sport into disrepute.

Inquiry committee interviews Shakoor

KARACHI, Dec. 21. (Reuters): Pakistani umpire Shakoor Rana was being interviewed late today by the two-man inquiry into the infamous finger-wagging incident in the second Test between Pakistan and England.

The inquiry began yesterday when England captain Mike Gatting was among those who gave their version of events.

The inquiry also heard from England's all-rounder David Capel and batsman Bill Athey.

Rules

Capel was the fielder moved by Gatting when off-spinner Eddie Hemmings ran in to howl, only to be stopped by Shakoor who said it was against the rules.

Athey was near Gatting and Shakoor when the two had a heated exchange of words. It was he who led the England captain away.

An inquiry committee member, Yawar Saeed, told reporters the meetings with the England players were held in a very friendly and cordial atmosphere.

"We called the three players one by one and they were very well."

E. Germany and Hungary to take part in Games

EAST BERLIN, Dec. 21. (Reuters): East Germany today became the second Soviet-bloc country to confirm its participation in next year's summer Olympic Games in Seoul.

Within hours of Hungary making its announcement, the official ADN news agency reported that the East German National Olympic Committee had told the International Olympic Committee (IOC) it would take part in the Seoul Games.

ADN said the national committee would continue to support the IOC's efforts to stage the Olympics in both parts of Korea.

Earlier the official MTI news agency reported that the Hungarian National Olympic Committee had unanimously agreed to participate in the Games.

MTI said the Hungarian team would consist of 210 active sportsmen and about 90 officials.

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Boon slams unavailing 101 for Tasmania

DEVONPORT, Tasmania, Dec. 21. (Reuters): David Boon, Australia's leading scorer in their successful World Cup campaign, made an unavailing 101 not out for Tasmania against the New Zealand cricketers today.

Tasmania, needing 249 to win in 79 overs, fell 41 runs short of their final 20 overs but the loss of Peter Faulkner for 10 and Bruce Cruse for four to left-arm spinner Evan Gray put them on the defensive.

Earlier New Zealand, 108 for six overnight, lost their last four wickets for 35 in just under an hour. Medium-pacer Peter Faulkner finished with four for 37 in 24 overs, 11 of them maidens.

New Zealand, 1-0 down in the series, start the third and final Test against Australia in Melbourne on Boxing Day.

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